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**Funding for school bus services
could be cut in the Vale - see page 8.**

**Welsh Veterans' Awards
launched - see page 23.**

Vale Council 100 per cent behind bypass' says Dinas campaign group

THE chairman of the Dinas Powys Bypass Group says a new transport report demonstrates that the Vale Council is "100 per cent behind a bypass".

The report, accepted

by the Vale Cabinet on February 18, is entitled 'Strategic Transport Improvements in Dinas Powys' and reveals the council is applying for £580,000 from the Welsh Government for surveys and design work.

The application is to the Welsh Government's

capital transport grants scheme.

Just before Christmas, the Welsh Government rejected funding for further study work, but that application had been made to the local road fund.

Chairman of Dinas Powys Bypass Group, Rod Harrod, said he was very encouraged by the contents of the report: "The Vale Council have applied to the Welsh Government for £580,000 to complete Stage 2 and 3 of the WeTAG Study for a Dinas Powys bypass. A total of £200,000 is for further detailed surveys and £380,000 for design.

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Local schoolgirls celebrate International Women's Day



RECENTLY, year 5 pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant invited parents into a special assembly to celebrate International Women's Day, which will be held on March 8.

Over the last term the class theme has been 'Influential Women' and the assembly was an opportunity to share with parents all that they have learned in class. Children have been learning about the life and achievements of inspirational women.

Sophie aged 10 said: "The work we have done shows us that anything is possible. We shouldn't not do something just because we're girls."

Ellie aged 10 said: "It's important that people know that women can be just as influential as men."

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Is Barry Island's Giant Ferris Wheel back for good?

THE owner of Barry Island Pleasure Park, Henry Danter, has said he hopes the Ferris wheel will stay on Barry Island permanently after it was being reassembled at the Pleasure Park site this week.

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'There is a fifth box of liberty'

SOME readers may be familiar with 'The Four Boxes of Liberty', which are soap, ballot, jury and ammo (with the recommendation that they be used in that order).

After reading an exchange over the weekend on The GEM's Twitter feed between Ross England and some detractors, I propose adding a fifth: the letter-box or inbox.

Mr England, a Conservative councillor, disagreed with the argument put forward by AM Jane Hutt to make Wales a 'nation of sanctuary'.

He was called, amongst other things, "racist", his language "disgusting" and The GEM was criticised for even publishing his letter.

I wonder, though, how many actually read his letter? He did not employ racist language; he did not say that refugees should not come to the UK, but wrote the UK should accept those that come to the UK via correct (that is "legal")

routes, not illegal ones, such as stowing away on lorries), adding that as the Assembly has no powers over UK asylum and immigration laws, and should therefore concern itself with devolved matters.

As a liberal (lower-case 'L'), I believe in freedom of speech, which goes beyond party politics.

Mr England did not deny Miss Hutt an opinion, but challenged one she made. She exercised her right of freedom of speech, and he his, though the fifth box of liberty.

This is fair, this is democratic. However, for that he was rounded on for not holding the same opinion as others, and that a newspaper is criticised for allowing another opinion is troubling.

As African-American human-rights activist Leandra Brimble said in 1973: "Homogeneity of thought in a group or a nation does not signify a unified group or nation, but one under the threat of, or already under, tyranny".

Rachael Bryant, Bridgend.

'Wales can be a place of sanctuary'

AS someone who is looking forward to welcoming a family from war-torn Syria to Wales, I read with interest Jane Hutt's recent article offering "a welcome to Wales" and the plans to make Wales a nation of sanctuary – and with sorrow, Ross England's letter.

Many of us who enjoy the benefits of this lovely country were neither born here, nor speak much of her native tongue, but we have found a welcome, and a place to call home.

Following the murder of Jo Cox, communities came together with events called 'More in Common'. These were not groups of people who all had to hold the same views or beliefs, but groups of local residents who recognised the strength in community working together for the common good.

The stranger in our midst, whether refugee or not, is merely an opportunity for us to express something good of our shared humanity; to offer a welcome and discover more of the richness diversity brings.

If we can make Wales a place of sanctuary, a place that looks after all who live here, especially the most vulnerable, whatever their status, we will all benefit. In a time when politics and media fuel the fires of division with fear and prejudice, we have the opportunity to create communities with heart which, in turn, build a stronger Wales with so much more to give.

Drusilla Phillimore, Llantwit Major

Readers' Letters

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Support local journalism – it's good for democracy

THERE'S never been more ways to access the news.

But newspapers – accountable, properly researched journalism, paid for by the cover price and the adverts opposite the story – are under immense pressure.

Last week, the Cairncross Review into the future of the press painted a vivid picture of the challenges facing high-quality journalism in the UK.

Most people who read news now do so online, including 91 per cent of 18 to 24 year olds. Money made through advertising has also shifted that way, mostly into the hands of

Google and Facebook. A quarter of all local newspapers closed in the past decade and the number of journalists dropped by six thousand.

The Cairncross Review makes clear that one type of news we cannot do without is public interest journalism. And that is exactly what this paper, as well as hundreds like it across the UK, delivers on a weekly basis. Journalism is unique because its decline wouldn't just have financial implications for the companies involved, but would have serious democratic costs too. Research has shown that people in areas with no local daily

paper are less engaged with local elections, with less trust in local institutions.

The Review proposes how to put our media on a stronger and more sustainable footing. One of the recommendations is for a doubling of the journalists funded through the Local Democracy Reporting Service.

This excellent £8 million a year scheme funds 150 reporters embedded within regional and local papers. Around 850 local media titles are now signed up. I recently met some of their reporters who so far have produced 50,000 stories between them, all which otherwise wouldn't have been heard. They're holding local power to account and shining a light on the important issues in local communities.

We mustn't find in 10

years' time that trustworthy news sources have disappeared with our democracy damaged as a result. So we will carefully consider the Review's recommendations, looking at ways to preserve and nurture quality local reporting and to support the transition of the industry from print to digital. We've already announced that we will conduct a review on how online advertising is regulated in the UK.

I believe wholeheartedly that journalism should be accessible to as many people as possible and that the press industry can overcome its challenges. But everyone needs to play their part in ensuring the press has a sustainable future. And that includes local people supporting their local paper too.

Jeremy Wright, Culture Secretary.

AM pays tribute to Vale councillor

IT is with great sadness that I pay tribute to the life of Blodwen Griffiths, who was a long-standing member of the Vale of Glamorgan Labour Party contributing to local branch and women's forum meetings, dedicating herself to public and political service.

I worked with Blodwen over 20 years ago as councillor for the Baruc Ward where she lived, serving her constituents with dedication and integrity. I

have valued her opinions and views on life and politics over the past two decades.

A teacher by profession, Blodwen was a strong character with a passion for social justice and fair play which motivated her throughout her life, coming originally from the Swansea Valley.

My deepest sympathies are with her family, friends and neighbours. She was a key figure in Barry and she will be a great loss to us all.

Jane Hutt, Vale AM

Seeing red and feeling blue over Barry voting

LAST week, the Labour group and the Conservative group on Barry Town Council voted together to raise an extra 10 per cent in the precept charge to the people of Barry.

The Plaid group proposed a lower amount and told the Council to cut its cloth accordingly. I'm surprised at the utter nonsensical attack on the Plaid group by both these parties in last week's GEM. They seem to have released a joint press story to the papers.

Vote Labour in Barry and get Conservative, vote Conservative in Barry and get Labour.

Cllr Shirley Hodges, Leader of the Plaid Cymru Group

Barry Town Council, Opposition Leader The GEM approached local Conservatives and Labour members.

A spokesperson for the Barry Conservatives responded: "Plaid's eye catching proposals amounted to a saving of about £1.30 a year, although it's hard to be sure because their maths changed several times on the evening."

"It all sounds fantastic in their press comments but they wanted to cut the budget for dementia friendly projects by 75 per cent to achieve that saving. "Our proposals were fair and proportionate in the context, and Plaid's attempt to scrap schemes for people with dementia is not the right way to save little more than 10p a month."

Why aren't police on the streets?

AFTER watching the news about how many knife crimes there are in Wales, the ITV reporter mentioned cuts in the police force. Can you please tell me where our increase in council tax every year is going?

It is supposed to go towards the police to protect us. All we see are cops on our streets on the weekend when all the night clubs are open until four in the morning and the odd police van on King Square at Christmas time.

So, I ask what are the police officers doing during the day? I often walk past the Barry police station during the day, and it seems all the police are indoors keeping warm.

Please let me know where are our taxes going. Ian Dowdell, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL FEBRUARY 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

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22 Fri	08.27	10.7	20.49	10.6
23 Sat	09.12	10.4	21.29	10.1
24 Sun	09.53	9.9	22.13	9.5
25 Mon	10.32	9.4	22.53	8.9
26 Tues	11.17	8.7	23.44	8.2
27 Wed	----	----	12.13	8.0

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Town council 'demands answer' to biomass question

THE Welsh Government says it will make a decision "as soon as possible" on whether there will be an environment impact assessment (EIA) carried out on Barry's biomass energy plant.

It is an assurance that might be greeted with some scepticism in Barry. The question of whether an EIA should take place has dragged on for more than two years with the local campaign group, the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) demanding one before the plant becomes fully operational.

Last week, DIAG members took the opportunity, during public questions, to ask Barry Town Council why there had been delays in an EIA being enforced.

The interim leader of Barry Conservatives on the council, Cllr Vincent Bailey, told The GEM that, a year ago, the Welsh Government Minister who was responsible for the environment at the time, Hannah Blythyn, had indicated that an EIA would go ahead.

He said: "In response to DIAG's question, I proposed that the town council collectively write to the Welsh Labour Government on behalf of the people of Barry to

demand a decision. This proposal was universally supported.

"Barry residents have been waiting for over a year for a decision from the Welsh Labour Government. It's a disgrace, and it's now all too clear that the minister was chasing headlines when she made this pledge, with no intention of coming good on her promise.

"We don't want the incinerator anywhere near residents, and if the Welsh Government would show some leadership then we could stop the developers in their tracks."

He said it was time the Welsh Government came clean and let the people of Barry know whether an environmental assessment was going to get the green light or not.

The GEM asked the Welsh Government to respond to the points made by Cllr Bailey.

A spokesperson said: "While we anticipated a decision by the end of last year, further legal clarification on aspects of the case has been necessary. We are giving very careful consideration to compliance with the EIA Directive and a decision will be issued as soon as possible."

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Advice from Willie for Paul



Paul Watkins with Willie John McBride who has signed three rugby balls that will be raffled at Llantwit Major RFC this Friday.

FORMER rugby player Paul Watkins is to raffle three rugby balls signed by former Lions' player Willie John McBride at Llantwit Major RFC this Friday to raise money for the Wooden Spoon rugby charity.

Mr Watkins, who lives in Rhooze, is off to Everest this April as part of the charity's attempt to raise £200,000 for disadvantaged children throughout the UK.

He will be accompanied by a number of former internationals, including Welsh wing Shane Williams.

Mr Watkins said: "I attended the Wooden Spoon rugby dinner in London on Friday with the great Willie John McBride; he does a lot for Wooden Spoon. He thinks we are all a little crazy attempting to play rugby at 6,500 metres.

"He told me how they messed the itinerary around during the famous

1974 Lions' test series in South Africa, arranging the fixtures from sea level to altitude, then vice versa the following week, trying to mess the Lions around.

"He explained how they overcame this by staying as a team with strong values, 'Band of Brothers' style. Willie John explained how we need to look after each other on Everest.

"It was great to spend time with him and he signed three rugby balls for my raffle.

"I have a night on Friday before the England game at Llantwit Major RFC with Steve Fenwick and Ceri Sweeney as speakers."

Former players on the Everest challenge aim to break two world records on the trip, playing the 'highest ever game of full contact rugby' and 'the highest ever touch rugby match' in history.

For more information on the Wooden Spoon charity, go to: woodenspoon.org.uk/.

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Sam Warburton has signed a British & Irish Lions shirt to be auctioned on the night.

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Giant Ferris wheel 'could be back for good'



Barry Island Pleasure Park Ferris wheel is under construction and Mr Danter hopes it will be ready for the half-term break. Image by Visit Barry Island.

THE owner of Barry Island Pleasure Park has said he hopes the Ferris wheel will stay on the Island permanently.

In the last week, the 100-foot wheel was being reassembled. Henry Danter said: "It will take us about a week to complete construction. I think it's here to stay – that's what I hope anyway."

Mr Danter bought the business in 2015, and the Ferris wheel was first assembled at Barry Island in October 2017.

However, it had to be taken down because Mr Danter did not have the necessary planning permission. It went back up – this time with proper consent – in February last year, but has since been loaned out to other locations in the UK. **TC**

An 'owling success



THE patients on the Sam Davies Ward had a surprise on February 13 when Alan Sheppard brought in two of his owls.

Dizzy and Merlin were a great hit with the patients who were eager to stroke them and ask questions about the two beautiful birds. Alan, a font of knowledge about owls, spent over an hour talking with individual patients and allowed staff, who were equally fascinated, to carefully handle the birds.

Teresa McNally, the health care support worker and activities co-ordinator for the ward said: "We were thrilled

to have Alan, his wife and the owls visit us. It was a real treat for the patients and staff."

This visit is one of many laid on for the patients, on the Sam Davies Ward, to help alleviate boredom and break up what can be a long day in hospital. Sister Linda Edwards, the ward Sister, is a firm believer that opportunities for social interaction and stimulation help promote mental well-being and are important elements in caring for patients. The ethos of the ward is one of enhancing the patients' stay through a range of activities.

Souvenirs of Paris for Barry

AN interesting and well-illustrated talk was given by Rita White to the Probus II meeting last week.

She highlighted some of the best tourist attractions and items of special interest at some of the historic buildings in the centre of the French capital.

The next meeting is on February 27, when the talk titled 'The Royal Dockyards' will be given by past president Derek Henson.

The Barry Probus II meet at Wenvoe Golf Club, fortnightly on Wednesday mornings starting at 10.30am with a speaker, followed by lunch.

New members are very welcome; for further information, contact secretary John W Evanson 02920 513970 or email wyne. james@icloud.com. **PMW**

Last chance for winter skies – Sky Notes

SPRING begins on March 20, so this month is our last chance to see the winter constellations.

The Milky Way rises from the southern horizon, bends towards the western horizon, before ending at the northern horizon. The winter constellations are now heading toward the south-western horizon. Orion is still prominent, as is the brightest star in the sky, Sirius, marking the little constellation of Canis Major, but they are getting ever lower in the sky.

Gemini, with its two prominent stars Castor and Pollux, along with Capella, mark the constellation of Auriga and remain closer to the overhead position, but they too will follow the others towards the horizon.

If you look below the two main stars of Gemini, towards the southern horizon but higher than Sirius, another bright star, Procyon, marks the constellation of Canis Minor and is well worth a look.

Looking left of Gemini, we find Cancer the Crab, followed by Leo the Lion. Cancer is not all that prominent, but it occupies the space between Gemini and Leo. However, Cancer has two open star clusters; one of them – M44, the Beehive – is worth

searching for with a pair of binoculars. In fact, if you are blessed with dark skies, it can just about be made out with the naked eye, as long as the Moon is not up. This really is one of the best; it is thought to lie about 600 light years away and is something like 600 million years old, so really it is both young and close.

To the left of Cancer is Leo. I have remarked before how some of the classical descriptions are hard to make out and, to be perfectly honest, I find it hard to see a Lion! What is much easier to see is that the brighter part of the constellation resembles a backward question mark, the base of which is marked by its brightest star Regulus, and more on this next month.

The Moon will be to the left of Castor and Pollux on March 16 and close to Regulus on the 18th. Before dawn on the 26th, it forms a triangle with Antares, a prominent orange/red star and the planet Jupiter. The first three days of the month before dawn it is possible to see two other planets Saturn and Venus, close to the Moon.

Do check out the Barry Astronomical Society website www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for details of when we meet to observe the night sky. **Dave Powell**

Silver Singers spark memories

THE Dinas Powys Silver Singers are already practicing for their first concert which at the village's music festival in May.

The group of pensioners meet on the second Friday of each month as part of a Friday lunch club and are learning a number of songs from yesteryear.

A choir spokesperson said: "These songs often

invoke wonderful memories and we particularly want to help those who might suffer from memory loss issues.

"No singing experience is required. If you would like to join in the fun, we meet at Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys for midday for lunch (£4) and the rehearsal follows from 1pm until 2pm."

Barry burglary – appeal

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for information following a burglary at a shop in Barry.

Officers are investigating the break-in which took place in Clemwood Stores, Dock View Road, at around 2am on Monday, February 18.

Damage was caused to a window, a cabinet and a till and items stolen

include a tin box which was being used to collect money for charity and packs of tobacco pouches.

Anyone with any information which could assist officers is asked to call 101 quoting reference 1900060153 or alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Andrew RT Davies wins Rhose by-election

CONSERVATIVE Assembly Member Andrew RT Davies won the Rhose by-election on February 14 and will represent the ward on the Vale Council.

He polled more votes than the other two candidates combined.

The full result was: Samantha Campbell (Independent) 345 votes; Andrew RT Davies (Conservative) 1,140 votes; John Hartland (Labour) 368 votes.

Mr Davies said that if he won the by-election, he would use the councillor allowance to establish a 'Community Development Fund' to support charitable causes, community groups and individuals within the Rhose ward.



Wonderful waterfalls and Roman fortress for Ramblers

SIX walkers joined Clive from Penarth and District Ramblers for a trip to Penderyn, the home of Welsh whisky, and they set off in cold, blustery conditions.

Crossing open land at Moel Penderyn and joining the main track, they arrived at Craig Dinas Mine which during the 1880s, was used for the extraction of silica, a hard rock used in the production of firebricks for lining furnaces and boilers.

Crossing the Afon Mellt, they tramped through the remains of the old gunpowder works built in 1857 to produce blasting powder for use in coal mines and limestone quarries, before clambering uphill through bare woodland.

Forestry tracks led them to the River Hepste, where following heavy rainfall, Sgwd yr Eira or 'Fall of Snow,' which has a drover's road underneath, was crashing down into the valley below when waterfalls were donned because of the spray.

The ramblers then visited Sgwd y Pannwr or 'Fall of the Woolen Washer' and Sgwd Isaf Clun-gwyn, 'Lower White Meadow Fall' and both were in full flood. Retracing their steps, they passed below the breathtaking and thundering roar of Sgwd yr Eira and after scrambling up the rocky path on the opposite side of the valley, made their way across moorland back to the Red Lion Inn with its roaring log fire for refreshments.

The following day, a group of 13 walkers joined John for the journey up to Caerleon, an important military site in Britain under the Roman Empire and which housed the 2nd Augustan Legion of some 5,000 men. The Silures were the ruling tribe

in the region until AD75, when the Roman fortress of Isca was built beside the River Usk which helped to keep the Silures in order and it remained in operation for 200 years.

In bright sunshine with a winter chill, they set off from the amphitheatre and crossed the River Usk, joining the Usk Valley Walk and following part of the Old Roman Road up Chepstow Hill, with its grand views northwards over the glorious valley.

As they went into Kemeys Graig Woods along the Wentwood escarpment, they passed near the Kemys Folly, originally built in 1712 but now a modern dwelling and followed forestry diversions which were muddy in places. Descending, they admired the splendid iron gates and sculptures of two stags and a raging bull, all fashioned from metal at the entrance to Bertholey House, a huge manor house surrounded by parkland.

At the valley bottom, they stopped for lunch crossing the river at Newbridge on Usk to make their way along little-used paths through unmarked public footpaths where they safely encountered a huge boar.

Arriving at the village of Llanhennock surrounding St John's Church, an ancient path led them back into fields for the eventual return to Caerleon.

On February 23, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile hard walk at Abercarn; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

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Joy Strangward

Town mayor's forthcoming events

THE Town Mayor of Barry, Cllr Janice Charles, will host a St David's Day coffee morning on Friday, March 1 when tea, coffee, Welsh cakes and bara brith will be served from 10am to 12 noon, entry for the coffee morning is £3.

Contact info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01446 738663 for further information.

The mayor will also host a racing night on Friday, March 15 at 7pm at Barry Rugby Club, Reservoir Fields, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, CF62 9TH. There will be eight races taking

place during the night, each with eight horses. Ideally, all horses should be purchased prior to the event. Please note horse owners do not have to attend the event to win a prize.

If you wish to buy tickets at £6 (to include a chip shop supper), a horse at the cost of £5, or sponsor a race at £40, contact info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01446 738663.

Donations for both events will go to the Mayor's nominated charities, Barry Army Cadets, Barry RAF Cadets, The Rotary Club of Barry and Barry Round Table.

Campaigners express their concerns over incinerator plant

CAMPAIGNERS against a biomass plant in Barry have expressed fears the facility will increase pollution and harm the health of residents in the town when it's fully operational.

The Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) has said the facility will increase air pollution in the town – even if it meets industrial standards as the developers claim – and ‘toxic’ particles emitted by the gasification plant will be so small they can pass into people’s blood streams. Developers of Barry Biomass say the facility will be up and running by the spring and producing enough green electricity to power 23,000 homes.

Barry Biomass says the main pollutants emitted from the site will be nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, “tiny dust particles” and acid gases. The developer says it will follow strict guidelines set out in its permit, that final emissions are not hazardous and only a small amount of diesel will be used to start the facility.

But a spokesman for DIAG said: “When the operator refers to “tiny dust particles” they seem to be making light of what this really means. They are talking about particles that are toxic. Particles that are so small that if – ‘when’ for us – you breathe

them in they will pass through the membrane in the lung and into the bloodstream. Some of these particles are so small that they can embed themselves in a single cell and do their work and also pass across the blood/brain barrier.”

The developer said it will adhere to “strict guidelines” set out in the Industrial Emissions Directive and set by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) under its environmental permit. “We are part of the community and want it to be a safe place to work and live,” a spokesman said.

Legally, the hourly average level of nitrogen dioxide cannot exceed 200 micrograms per cubic metre more than 18 times in a year, whereas for sulphur dioxide the limit is an hourly average of 350 micrograms more than 24 times in a year.

Barry Biomass is a gasification plant that involves the heating of wood chips at high temperatures, producing a combustible synthesis gas which is then used to raise steam and generate electricity using a steam turbine. OFGEM defines the process as gasification.

Gasification plants are defined as ‘incinerators’ in the European Union’s Industrial Emissions Directive, but the developers insist it’s different technology.

DIAG said the ‘incinerator’ will not use the best filtration systems

available, which “sounds like the bad face of capitalism winning out over the health of a town”.

Barry Biomass says it uses the baghouse filter in the pollution control system to comply with the EU Industrial Emissions Directive and the environmental permit granted by Natural Resources Wales. “We are working hard every day to make sure we operate efficiently and effectively, this includes maintaining our pollution cleaning and filtering system, so the final emissions released are not hazardous,” the operator said.

In March last year campaigners complained of black smoke coming from the plant’s chimney drifting across the town. The facility was undergoing pre-commissioning and testing its equipment. NRW says the pollution during this activity was not expected and was due to a malfunction of the burner system. An investigation found a number of minor breaches against the company’s permit – and the company was given a formal warning.

For the full story, visit www.glamorgangem.co.uk.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter



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After raising over half a million pounds... Ed Evans Foundation is to close



Ed Evans with his mum Sue at his charity ball held at Sophia Gardens in 2007, six months before he died.

AFTER 12 years of fundraising, more than half a million pounds raised and lots of memories, a decision has been made to close the Ed Evans Foundation.

The Vale charity was set up by Ed in 2006 after he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Ed, who was brought up in Marcross, died from the disease in October 2007 at the age of 27.

The charity raised funds for cancer research and supported people living with cancer.

Ed's mother Sue, who lives in Marcross and who ran the charity with help from her family, was this week coming to terms with the decision.

She told The GEM: "It has been a difficult decision to make but I think we have achieved over and above what Ed expected. I think he would be proud of our

achievements.

"The foundation was established more than 12 years ago and the committee, with the approval of the trustees, has decided to draw it to a close.

"The cause was founded by Edward himself and with support from family and friends, it has raised in excess of £500,000.

"Over the last 12 years, money was raised by numerous events such as clay pigeon shoots, choir concerts, annual charity walks, climbing events, sponsored swims, jumping out of planes – to name but a few. We will never forget the several charity balls we hosted which had more than 700 guests each time.

"We all have made so many amazing memories over the last 12 years which we can look back on with pride. With such a wonderful level of support, we have been

able to donate significant amounts of money to Cancer Research Wales and The Brain Tumour Charity as well as supporting people in the local community."

Sue said that although organising the many events had been rewarding, it had been tiring too and now was the right time to close the charity.

She has been sending out letters to the foundation's hundreds of supporters informing them of the decision and thanking them for their support.

Sue said: "The foundation would like to say thank you for the continued support and generosity given by so many people over the last 12 years. If people would like to share any memories, we would love to hear about them on our guest book at www.edevansfoundation.co.uk."

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Milk Mates gets a shake up



THE oldest breastfeeding peer support group in the Vale, Barry Milk Mates, has been running for more than 18 years.

After the retirement of our associated health visitors and cut in funding that allowed us to bring attractions to the group, we have seen a decrease in numbers over recent months. However, determined not to give up, as peer supporters we have vowed to continue self funding and drag the group kicking and screaming into 2019.

We will continue to meet every second and last Thursday of the month at Barry Methodist church hall, Winston Road, Barry from 1pm-3pm. Every other Thursday we will meet between 9.30am-10.30am in various cafes around the Barry area starting with Bradley's Coffee at

Golau Caredig today (February 21).

We hope that as well as continuing to give local breastfeeding mothers support and advice, this will give them the opportunity to attend a social gathering and have a much needed cup of tea or coffee and a gossip with like-minded people.

In addition, we will be putting on activities in the toddler room of our hall group for older siblings who wish to attend with their mothers with arts and craft during half term and face painting at the following session.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details and regular updates. We welcome all mothers and can't wait to see you all soon.

Lucy Brazier-Evans

Appeal for witnesses after collision in Penarth

SOUTH Wales Police are appealing for witnesses following a road traffic collision in Barry Road, Penarth, which took place on Sunday, February 17, at around 6.30pm.

The collision involved a motorcycle which was carrying a child as a pillion passenger.

The incident took place a few hundred metres from the Barons Court public house and a 51-year-old man and a 13-year-old child were taken to hospital for treatment.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or who may have dash cam footage of the incident, is asked to contact the Roads Policing Unit on 101 quoting incident number 1900059780.

Councillor thanks Rhoose

I WANT to thank the people of Rhoose and the rural villages for placing their trust and confidence in me at last week's council by-election.

I am truly privileged to have been chosen by my fellow residents to be their representative on the Vale of Glamorgan Council and I will always endeavour to put your interests first – and the hard work now begins.

The electorate spoke loud and clear and working alongside my ward colleague, Gordon Kemp, I will strive to deliver on the six-point plan I put

forward during the election. I would also like to pay tribute to the candidates who stood in this election who afforded the people of Rhoose an engaging local campaign.

My commitment to every single resident in the ward, from Rhoose to Llancarfan, whichever way they voted will be absolute, and I will strive to help or support on any issue, large or small, as your councillor.

Thank you once again and I look forward to standing up for my home ward in the years to come.

Andrew RT Davies.

A case of 'up periscope' for Penarth Probus

A MEETING of the Men's Probus Club of Penarth was held on February 19.

A very interesting talk was given by Derek Henton, an ex-naval architect, on the topic of nuclear submarines. He gave a brief history of the development of submarines before explaining the different classes of nuclear submarines and their dimensions.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 when the new president, Alun Daniels, will be inaugurated at the Annual General Meeting. This will be followed by a talk by Mike Tarver, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society on the heroic age of polar exploration and Scott's last Antarctic expedition in

1910.

This will then be followed by a lunch at the Seashore Grill in Sully.

New members are always welcome to join Probus. It is open to both retired and semi-retired men of any age. The meetings are normally held every third Tuesday of the month at the Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully. The club meets at 10am for 10.30am with guest speakers on varied topics of interest. Light refreshments are provided and meetings finish before 12 noon. There are also occasional visits to places of interest and special lunches at various times of the year.

Anyone interested in joining Probus can contact Gareth Price on 02920 532 793.

Council 'behind' bypass

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Also released online is a 16-page list of observations by Roger Pattenden, Dinas Powys community's representative on the review group.

"Until last week, his reports and other matters have been subject to a confidentiality clause. Regardless of further developments, I feel the community owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Roger for what he has done and is doing to help the village achieve the bypass.

"The report proves without a shadow of a doubt that the Vale Council is 100 per cent behind the need for a bypass as a means of handling the traffic problem."

Emma Reed, head of neighbourhood and transport services at the Vale Council, emphasised if funding was not forthcoming from the Welsh Government, the council would seek alternative sources of funding.

She said: "The report considered by cabinet this week sets out the

significant work undertaken to date alongside what the council now considers the next steps for the Dinas Powys bypass project. These include undertaking concept design and modelling for key aspects of the scheme, as well as a more detailed estimation of costs and further public consultation.

"The report also makes clear that should grant funding from Welsh Government not be available to cover the costs of this work, then the council must work to identify alternative ways of funding it."

The report has not been universally welcomed in Dinas Powys.

Plaid community councillor Chris Franks said the report would be "a let-down for many Dinas Powys residents".

He said: "This report has been put on a shelf for months by the Vale Council. Now all they say is that they do not have enough information and that there are no funds to finish the work."

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Wales and England are ready – and so is mascot Jack!

A LLANTWIT Major youngster is preparing for the biggest day of his life this Saturday when Wales play England.

Jack Robson is the Welsh mascot on the day and will be leading the team out with the captain Alun Wyn Jones. It is the biggest Wales v England clash for years, coming in a World Cup year and with Wales on a record-equaling unbeaten run of 11 matches.

Jack's mum Leah, who is originally from Barry, said: "Jack is so nervous and excited. I'm very excited too. I can't wait – I'll probably be a blubbery mess!"

The family still can't believe Jack's luck. The family bought him a Welsh Rugby Union membership for his birthday and then entered a prize draw for the chance to be the match day mascot and he was the lucky winner. Leah said: "We keep thinking – they've been really good to me at work.

"A WRU tour guide

will meet us and give Jack his Wales kit and then take him down to the tunnel. He will even be allowed to go out when the players are warming up."

After the warm-up, the players then go back into the dressing room for final preparations before assembling in the tunnel. At around 4.35pm Jack will walk out with Alun Wyn Jones and line up for the national anthem. The match kicks off at 4.45pm.

Leah said: "He's been practising the national anthem for the last few days." The Robson family last attended an international in the autumn when Wales beat Tonga, but expect the atmosphere on Saturday to be something else.

Leah added: "It's a huge event. I get goosebumps just talking about it. My advice to Jack is to take a deep breath and take it all in."

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R & D JEWELLER'S ANTIQUE ROADSHOW

Couple receive cash award for unwanted items



A LOCAL couple this week had a very lucky day when visiting R & D Jeweller's Antique Roadshow. Like most households they had a drawer full of bits and bobs including an old gent's watch from approximately 1930. The watch was working but had left to them. A selection of old, broken and incomplete rings and a few odd items of unusual jewellery were also included.

"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller. He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or finding a pot of gold.

Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this week is your chance to visit Barry.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and

gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them." Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found."

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

Things you should look for and take next week

include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting.

Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

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Funding for school bus services could be cut in Vale

THE Vale council is set to carry out a consultation on plans to withdraw funding for its fare-paying school bus services, which mainly serve schools in Barry and Penarth with a few serving rural areas of the Vale.

More than 300 pupils who are not eligible for free transport are estimated to use the fare-paying services.

The council has said that free school transport will still be provided to eligible pupils who use the services.

Fare-paying school bus services are provided to cater for pupils who live less than the eligible qualifying distance for free school transport.

Talks between the council and the current operators have identified three services out of the 15 which could be commercially viable with fare increases.

The Welsh Government states that free school transport has to be offered to primary-aged pupils who live two miles or more from their local school and secondary-aged pupils who live three miles or more from their catchment area school.

Surveys taken in the 2017/18 academic year showed 324 pupils who do not qualify for free transport pay to use these fare-paying school services, while another 81 pupils have been given passes to use these buses free of charge as they qualify for free school transport.

The surveys showed the fare paying services had a collective total of 724 seats available for pupils, of which 55 per cent are used – 44 per cent by fare paying passengers and 11 per cent by those pupils

allocated passes.

This year, the council subsidised fare paying school transport services by more than £180,000. If the funding for is withdrawn, £57,000 of the money saved would go towards providing free transport to eligible pupils who used them.

The council is looking to cut £3.7 million across its service areas in 2019/20 due to budget pressures.

If the council goes ahead with the plans, the funding for these services would be withdrawn from July 31.

The services which would be affected are: 351 Peyton Travel Ltd, St Athan Primary School (Eglwys Brewis); P122 Peyton Travel Ltd, Llangan Primary School (Treoes); P125 Watts Coaches Ltd, Ysgol St Curig and Ysgol St Baruc (Barry); P132 Watts Coaches Ltd, Ysgol Pen Y Garth (Dinas Powys); P133 New Adventure Travel Ltd, St Josephs R/C Primary School (Dinas Powys, Sully, Penarth); P135 New Adventure Travel Ltd, St Andrews Major C/W Primary School (Barry); P138 Watts Coaches Ltd, St Illtyd R/C Primary School (MoD St Athan, West Camp); P139 Watts Coaches Ltd, Ysgol Pen Y Garth (Sully and Penarth); P97 Watts Coaches Ltd, Llansannor C/W Primary School (Cowbridge/Aberthaw/Ystradowen); S10 Watts Coaches Ltd, Pencoedre and Whitmore High School/Ysgol Bro Morgannwg (Barry); S14 Watts Coaches Ltd, Pencoedre and Whitmore High School (Barry); S2 Watts Coaches Ltd, Whitmore High School and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg (Barry Island, Barry); S49 Caring Coaches, St Richard Gwyn R/C

Secondary School (Barry); S51

Caring Coaches, St Richard Gwyn R/C Secondary School (Llandough/Cogan/Penarth/Sully); S53 Watts Coaches Ltd, St Richard Gwyn R/C Secondary School (Penarth/Dinas Powys).

The council held preliminary talks with operators to see which services would be likely to be commercially viable with an increase in fares, estimated to be £1-£2 for single and £2-£3 for a return journey.

Three services were considered potentially viable; S10 for Pencoedre High School, Whitmore High School and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, S14 for Pencoedre High School and Whitmore High School and S49 for St Richard Gwyn RC High School.

A council report said that the current operators "have concerns over increasing fares and the reduction in passenger numbers this will cause, which ultimately will decide if the service can run long term on a commercial basis. All other services were not considered by current operators to be commercially viable."

Emma Reed, head of neighbourhood services and transport for Vale of Glamorgan Council, said: "No decision has yet been taken on the future of these discretionary services and even if the proposals are agreed following consultation this would not necessarily mean all bus services would cease. Some bus services may be considered commercially viable by private operators. In other cases school governing bodies or community groups may be able to offer solutions to continue the service."

The council's cabinet was to consider the plans for a consultation on February 18.

LDR

'Keep an eye out for fraudsters'

IN the last few weeks, a scam where fraudsters claim to be police officers has re-emerged in the area.

This is a nationwide scam. Detectives as part of Operation Signature, have charged an 18-year-old man from London in connection with an incident in Penarth. He has been remanded and will appear in court later this month.

Officers will continue to investigate these reports but I would urge you to make your family and friends aware of this scam.

Please let me reassure you that the police, HMRC and banks will never call you asking you to withdraw money or provide details of your account over the phone. If you receive a call of this nature then



by Chief Inspector for the Vale, Tony Williams

please hang up and report it to us on 101.

I would also like to appeal to the parents and teenagers in our communities to help support us in tackling knife crime in Barry. While knife crime is not an everyday occurrence in the town we, like many areas of the UK, have seen an

increase. Last month two people were charged with attempted murder in relation to a serious assault in North Walk, Barry. Anyone who witnessed this incident and has not yet spoken with police is asked to come forward.

Knives have no place in our communities and we urge those thinking of arming themselves to think about the tragic consequences. If you have any concerns or any information on knife crime then please give us a call.

If you're going out to enjoy the rugby this weekend, please drink responsibly. If you're drunk you won't get served – pubs will refuse entry and services to anyone who is clearly drunk; the message is clear #DrinkLessEnjoyMore.

Four seasons in one day for local walkers

AT a recent walk, leaders Jen and Muriel were joined by 30 walkers at White Hills Golf Club, Brynna.

Leaving the village and ascending Mynydd Coedbychan, the group split as some members chose a shorter five-mile walk, led by Del. The remainder enjoyed the view with a coffee break.

The group then made its way to the small village of Coedely and by the time it reached Gilfach Goch, the group was ready for their lunch at the Griffin Inn.

Leaving the log fire was difficult for some, but they made their way back to the starting point where Jen, Marion, Judy and Muriel had prepared refreshments. Although there had been wind, sun rain and sleet, everyone agreed it had been a successful walk.

Further information at www.Rambler.org.uk/vale-of-glamorgan.

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Local health tech company boosts Welsh exports



RENISHAW, a 3D-printing company based at Miskin Business Park in the Vale, has received a visit from the UK Government's Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Liz Truss MP was welcomed to Wales and to Renishaw by Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP, Alun Cairns, who was keen to demonstrate the local manufacturing excellence, and its contribution to strong economic figures.

The Chief Secretary visited the local engineering company to champion the innovation of UK manufacturing firms in increasing economic growth and productivity, as well as rising exports from the region.

At Renishaw, the Chief Secretary highlighted the pioneering techniques of advanced manufacturing and 3D printing in revolutionising sectors from aviation to health tech.

This success comes alongside rising demand for Welsh goods abroad, with

latest figures showing Welsh goods exports were worth £16.5 billion in 2017, a rise of 12 per cent compared to the previous year. UK Export Finance has supported Welsh exporters by giving £7.5 million in 2017-18 to unlock over £64m of overseas sales.

Ms Truss said: "Wales is demonstrating the UK's strong record for goods exports with a 12 per cent increase in 2017. This is not surprising with the leading innovation that we see in manufacturing and digital infrastructure."

"We need to ensure that our digital infrastructure carries on developing to continue our economic growth for everyone in the UK."

Mr Cairns said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Liz to the Vale to see one of our excellent and innovative manufacturers, which is leading the way for economic growth in Wales. Renishaw are an example of the good quality jobs the Vale and Wales has to offer."

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PACT meetings in the Vale

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Cuppa with a Copper will be held at the YMCA HUB, Court Road, Barry, on Wednesday, March 6 between 2pm and 3.30pm.

Meet your local officer at the Square, Llandough Hospital, Penlan Road, Llandough, on Thursday, February 28 between 10am and 4pm

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

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THE Welsh Government's Education Minister has failed to confirm that a target to improve Welsh pupils' scores in global education tests remains in place.

In response to a question from South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, the Lib Dem Member propping up the Labour administration, Kirsty Williams, refused to restate the Welsh Government's previous target of achieving a score of 500 in every subject in the Pisa tests by 2021.

There has been controversy over the target ever since the former First Minister Carwyn Jones brought the Brecon and Radnorshire AM into his cabinet following the 2016 Assembly

Election. In June 2017, Kirsty Williams told the Assembly's Children, Young People and Education Committee that it was not "her target", only to be slapped down the following week by Carwyn Jones in FMQs, who stated "achieving 500 in 2021 remains the Welsh Government's target."

Introduced in 2014, the target replaced the previous aim of seeing Wales ranked among the top 20 best-performing countries by 2015. Students in Wales were the lowest of the UK nations in science, reading and maths in the 2016 tests, scoring 478 in maths, 477 in reading, and 485 in science.

The Pisa tests – a major study of educational performance – are taken by 15-year-olds in 72 countries every three years.

Commenting on

the latest confusion, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies said: "It's been well-known since the Education Minister entered Labour's cabinet that she's been very uncomfortable with the Welsh Government's Pisa target, and this latest answer only adds to the confusion on whether it remains in place."

"Schools in my region need clear leadership and targets from the government, and Kirsty Williams' refusal to adhere to her own government's target is only going to make things difficult for officials in her department and those on the frontline in our classrooms."

"There is no reason why children in south Wales cannot achieve as well as other UK nations and if Wales as a country is to rise up the rankings and compete with the world's very best education systems then we need an ambitious target, and a clear strategy to deliver that target."

"The new First Minister must immediately clarify this position and what target, if any, his Labour-led administration is now setting for the Pisa education tests in Wales."

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Body found at Summer House Point

SOUTH Wales Police is investigating the sudden death of a man whose body was found on a beach near Summer House Point in the Vale on Thursday, February 14, shortly before 10.50am.

A spokeswoman said: "The death is being treated as non-suspicious. Although formal identification has not yet been carried out, the family of a Llantwit Major man have been informed."

A file is being prepared for HM Coroner.

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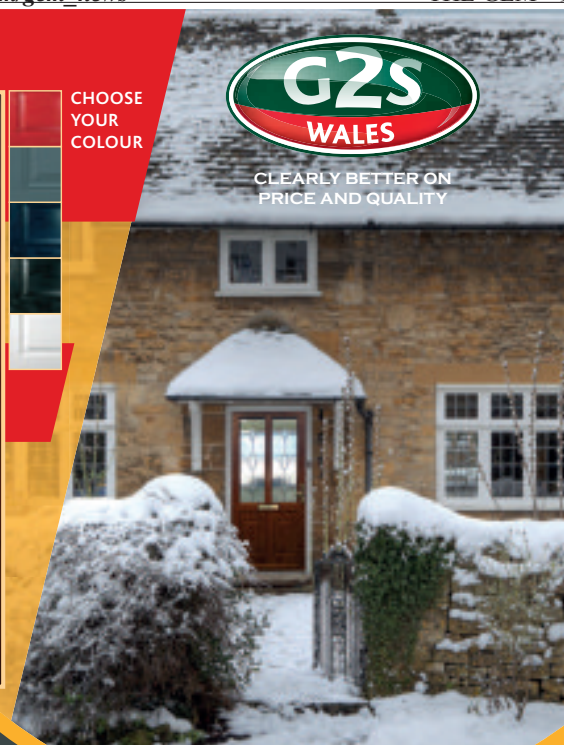
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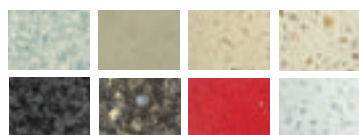
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No plans to extend runway at airport

PLANS to extend Cardiff Airport's runway are not on the horizon, despite being in its 20-year masterplan, the airport's chief executive has said.

A possible extension to the airport's runway was included in its 2040 vision, which also includes a new terminal building and four-star hotel.

Chief executive Deb Barber said there are no immediate plans to extend the runway, following concerns raised by an environmental group.

Vale Communities For Future Generations have expressed concerns about noise and air pollution if the runway was to be extended, and the possibility of aircraft flying 100 feet lower over Bridgend, Llanblethian and Cowbridge.

Ms Barber told Cardiff Airport Consultative Committee on February 13 she did not foresee the runway extension being required and any changes to aircraft would have to be approved with the Civil

Aviation Authority.

She said: "There are no immediate plans at all to extend the runway. We do not envisage that happening unless there's a massive change in the way airlines operate."

"Because of the huge amount of time that this plan covers, if there are any thoughts we might need at some point in the future to extend the runway we have to include it in the masterplan as a potential option."

"I would like to put to bed any concerns

about extensions to the runway. It is purely a method to safeguard that option if it ever becomes a requirement. It is not our intention at all at the moment and none of it can happen without full planning consent and approval of our regulator."

The environmental group says if more freight flights are brought to the airport these would be in "older, noisier, less fuel efficient" planes.

The airport said that freight is mainly carried inside commercial

aircraft.

A spokeswoman for Vale Communities For Future Generations said: "If the runway is extended, it would change the whole way in which the airport operates. It would be bringing in different types of aircraft at a different height than currently."

"We would possibly have a lot more noise, visual pollution and air pollution. People do need to be concerned."

Matt Discombe,
Local Democracy Reporter

Human brains on menu for local group

AT the February meeting of Sully U3A, Caren Richards, a local nutritionist, explained how our choice of foods and lifestyle could minimise these common symptoms.

Caren showed members how to optimise brain function – from ensuring we include the full spectrum of food colours on our plates, to choosing foods that help regulate blood sugar levels, plus getting adequate sleep and looking after gut bacteria.

At the next meeting on March 14, Angela Fagan of the Citizens Advice Bureau, will speak about 'Volunteers in Citizens Advice'.

For full information about Sully U3A, visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/sully/home>, email membership@sullyu3a.co.uk, or go along to a monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm in The Old School, Sully.

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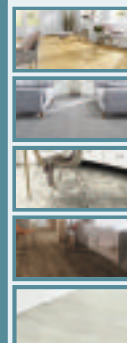
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B&M's new outlet set to open in Barry next month

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Vale bowling clubs face September deadline

THE Vale Council believes local sports clubs are making significant progress in preparing to manage their own facilities.

On February 18, the Vale Cabinet was presented with an update on progress and said that because of the tough financial climate, it needs to look hard at budgets, and the 'self-management' policy that applies to single user sports grounds.

Some clubs in Group 1 have been given a deadline of September 1, 2019 to take over management of their sites.

Other clubs in Groups

2 and 3 will have to take over the management of sites, but on dates yet to be determined.

The council's aim is to save money by recovering the costs of maintaining sports grounds rather than retaining a charging structure at which fees are applied to each location. At present, the fees charged do not cover the maintenance costs.

The report said: "The first group features all of the bowls clubs and the expectation is that all these clubs will be ready to transfer on October 1, 2019.

"The second group features clubs who already operate their

own clubhouses but there are issues on exactly what they would be responsible for in terms of grounds, as at present they are only keen to be responsible for the pitches they use, rather than the whole open space where their pitches are located.

"The third group are clubs who currently do not have management responsibilities for clubhouse facilities and have similar issues with pitches and open space."

A number of clubs have asked for a year to prepare for the changes. Some expressed concern that maintenance of buildings would be beyond their financial ability.

A member of Murch Bowling Club, founder member Roger Mauchline told The GEM there was a lot of uncertainty whether things would work out.

He said: "It's a sad state of affairs. Subscriptions will have to go up, because it will be a struggle. There are a lot of elderly people who don't play, but are members and like to come down and watch."

He said he found it ironic that while local

clubs were having to work out how they could afford to keep the facilities going, a £680,000 revamp of Belle Vue Pavilion in Penarth was under consideration.

Multi-use sports sites are now coming under the council's spotlight and discussions have started with local leagues.

What group is your club in?

Group 1: Cowbridge Bowling Club; Belle Vue Bowling Club; Millwood Bowling Club; Murch Bowling Club; Rhoeuse Bowling Club; Romilly Bowling Club; Cadoston Bowling Club.

Group 2: Penarth Athletic Field; Barry Rugby Club; Cwrt y Vil, Penarth (Old Penarthians RFC); Maslin Park, Barry; Murchfield, Dinas Powys; Police Field, Cowbridge; Windmill Lane, Llantwit Major; Wick Recreation Ground; Wick (cricket).

Group 3: Corntown (football); Rhoeuse (football); St Athan (football).

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"Sheer madness" - 600 new homes set for Cosmeston

PLANS for almost 600 new homes near Cosmeston Park have been described as "sheer madness" by a local councillor.

The Welsh Government has appointed two architects to prepare an outline planning application for the development at Upper Cosmeston Farm, Penarth.

The Welsh Government-owned site would be used to build around 576 new homes, a new primary school and community facilities.

The homes plan is part of the Vale Council's Local Development Plan and would add up to 540 new homes in Cog Road, Sully - with more than 1,100 new homes planned a mile away.

Cllr Kevin Mahoney, who

represents the area, said: "That's virtually another village the size of Sully. You can't keep putting everything in the same place."

"The Welsh Government seem hell bent on concreting every last bit of land in the whole of Wales. We can't keep swamping the same areas that cannot cope with the traffic and lack of services with house after house - it's sheer madness."

Asbri Planning is drawing up the plans with Austin Smith Lord Architect, and has applied to the Vale Council for a scoping opinion to see whether the new homes would have a significant impact and therefore would need an environmental impact assessment.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, Vale Council cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said:

"No planning application has yet been submitted, there have been screening and scoping submissions. These will be considered in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance, part of which specifically relates to the need for an environmental impact assessment."

"Should a planning application follow, it will be considered in exactly the same way as any other of its type. In order to gain approval, it will need to satisfy national and local policies, including those contained in the LDP, while members of the public will also have the opportunity to express their views before any decision is taken."

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Council tax increase to help bridge funding gap for Council

AN increase in council tax in the Vale is to be proposed to councillors later this month as the Vale Council seeks to mitigate the impact of recent cuts in funding from Welsh Government on services in the county.

The Council's cabinet will consider a report this week recommending an increase of 4.9 per cent from the current rate of council tax. This would set level for a Band D property at £1,245.06 a year for 2019/20.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Council, said: "The Vale Council has made savings of £55m since 2010 - more than the entire budget for adult social care this year. Despite this, we face a greater financial challenge than ever in 2019/20."

"Demand for our services, such as education and social care, continues to rise, along with the cost of delivering them, and we must now meet a significantly increased cost in the forms of increased employer's contributions to the Teachers'

Pensions Fund. This increase, resulting from a review of the teachers' pension scheme, will cost the Council £3.1m over the next two years.

"We are not, however, simply passing these costs onto residents. We have had real successes in recent years in reducing the cost of delivering services and alongside the increase in council tax, we have set ourselves a tough savings target of more than £3.7m for the next 12 months."

If approved by the Council's cabinet, the budget proposals will be presented to a meeting of full council on February 27. If agreed, this would set the Council's budget for 2019/20 at £226m, of which £87m would be earmarked for schools and £48m for adult social care, among other vital services.

A separate report also being considered at the same meeting proposes that the 50 per cent reduction in council tax for vacant properties and second homes be removed, a move that could generate income for the authority while bringing empty homes back into use.

Sport Wales to hold funding surgery in Barry

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Development grants between £1,501-£25,000 in addition to the above also cover: coach education, floodlighting for training purposes; purchase of land or rights in land to develop activity areas; Start-up grants to support new enterprises.

All projects should aim to increase participation levels. More funding information is available on the Sport Wales website: www.sportwales.org.uk/funding-support.aspx

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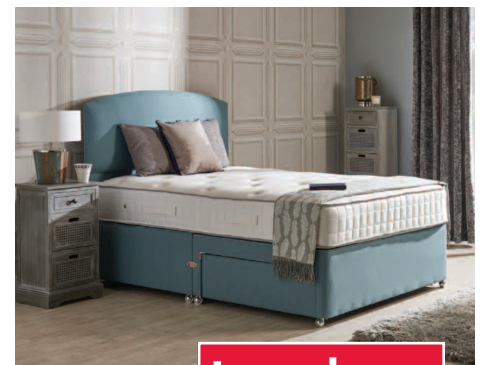
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Vale Council Leader sets out budget agenda

THE greatest responsibility that falls to me as Leader of the Council is to manage and balance the Council's budget.

This has never been an easy task, but year on year, reductions to local government funding from Welsh Government mean it is now surely harder than ever.

This week, I formally proposed an increase in council tax for 2019/20, something that will be decided at a meeting of all councillors on February 27. The proposed 4.9 per cent raise is a relatively low increase when compared with other councils in Wales, but it is essential if we are to maintain services at anything like the levels that our residents would expect.

I am also proposing to spend a greater proportion of the Council's reserves than in previous years to avoid a higher increase.

Regular GEM readers may have read comments from my predecessor in last week's

edition. These followed an interview given by the Council's Managing Director to the BBC, where he highlighted some of the financial challenges we currently face.

As Cllr Moore pointed out, I did support a zero percent increase in council tax when my group was in opposition – it was a mistake for which I apologised last year.

My time in office as Council Leader has made clear to me that balancing the funding requirements of the hundreds of services that the Council provides requires difficult decisions to be taken not just once a year, but every day.

The Managing Director had spoken to the BBC as part of an approach to try and remove politics from the public debate about how best to adequately fund these services in the future. For this reason it was disappointing to see an opposition member seek to immediately make this an issue of party politics.

To me, this is an issue



by Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council.

that transcends party allegiance. I, along with all other council leaders in Wales, have written to both the Welsh and Westminster governments spelling out the very real consequences of ever-reducing levels of funding. In doing so, I have been very clear that the blame for the situation we currently find ourselves in lies with both.

Westminster provided £550 million of extra funding to Wales for this year and next, of which Welsh Government decided to plough the vast majority into the health service. They had a choice and could have put some of that money into social care which provides the preventative services, which if funded adequately, would take a great deal of pressure off our colleagues in the NHS.

At the same time, Westminster made changes to teachers and fire service pensions which will cost the Vale Council nearly £2 million this year – the equivalent of a 3 per cent increase in council tax.

I still stand by my previous comments regarding public sector austerity. I have said previously that in the early years, austerity was a positive thing as there were savings which needed to be made in local government.

The fact that £55 million has been saved in the Vale over the last 10 years with very little

initial impact on services in the early years proves that point.

Now, however, the savings are getting harder to achieve and services are beginning to reduce, it is clear to me that austerity must end.

I have said on many occasions that our Welsh and Westminster governments should engage the public to decide what services they want councils to provide and then determine how best to fund us adequately to do so. I want this to be a reasoned debate about the future of public services, without resorting to petty political point scoring.

Unfortunately, it seems not all my colleagues in the Council chamber agree with this approach.

MP congratulates local solicitors on awards success



NEWBOLD Solicitors recently attended the Modern Law Awards where they were the only law firm from Wales to reach the finals, the only law firm to be finalists in more than two awards and the only law firm to come away with three awards!

Vale MP Alun Cairns recently visited them and said: "I want to congratulate everyone at Newbold

Solicitors for their hard work and on the recognition they have received at the Modern Law Awards.

"In particular, I want to pay tribute to Catherine Hartland for winning Managing Partner of the Year. I'm delighted to see the achievements of the whole team at Newbold, securing the runner-up spots in two UK-wide categories.

"It's fantastic that Barry is represented so strongly and Newbold demonstrate the professional quality that we have locally."

Things to consider when thinking about volunteering – advice from GVS

CONSIDER why you'd like to volunteer – you have free time, you'd like to give something back, for work experience or perhaps to get involved in your local community. Identifying why will help you decide the type of volunteering you are best suited to.

• Type of volunteering – would you like to volunteer with animals, the elderly or youth, would you like to be in an office, out

fundraising, involved in a tidy towns project or something else?

• What are your skills? Your qualities? Is there anything you love doing? Some people volunteer in something similar to their job, some volunteer in relation to an interest or hobby they have.

• Is there a cause or issue that's important to you? There may be an organisation you deal with an issue you feel strongly about, or a local organisation you'd like to get involved with.

• Would you like

to learn something new? Take on a new challenge, gain a new skill or dip your toe into a new area.

• Time available – what time do you have free in your week/month, when can you volunteer and for how long?

• Organisations have questions too! They will do some level of screening depending on the role(s). Some will have an informal discussion with you, others will look for references, and depending on the role you may need a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (any costs met by organisation).

• I never thought of that! Volunteers aren't just needed in charity shops, sports clubs and homeless shelters. Organisations involve volunteers in a great deal of their work including befriending, animal fostering, office administration and tutoring to name a few.

• Virtual (home based) volunteering – if you have web access and the necessary skills, some organisations offer the opportunity to volunteer from home. Virtual volunteering

might be well-suited to you if you have limited time, no transportation or additional physical needs.

• Fundraising, seasonal and one-off opportunities – if you are willing to help out organisations, without a long-term commitment to any, and you are flexible in the help you can give, organisations are always looking for people to do fundraising collecting, festival/event stewarding etc on an ad-hoc basis.

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Plans to reform fire authorities could put lives at risk – claim

COUNCILLOR Joel Williams, who sits on the South Wales Fire Authority, has said that a Welsh Government white paper proposes reducing the number of people who sit on Wales' three fire authorities and only allowing councils to put cabinet members forward for inclusion.

Councillors are concerned that changes to South Wales Fire Authority could increase costs from £60,000 a year to £300,000. Having fewer members and an increase in the cost of running the authority could have an impact on frontline services if the proposals are implemented, they say. The proposals were drawn up by former

Welsh Government cabinet secretary for local government and public services, Alun Davies AM, who was criticised by councillors for his "derogatory" remarks about back bench councillors in the paper.

Since 1996, there have been three combined fire and rescue authorities covering several authorities across south, mid west and north Wales. Each local authority in these areas nominates a set number of councillors to sit on the fire authority, based on population and are usually councillors who are not cabinet members or committee chairs.

Councils currently provide the three fire authorities with nearly all of their funding. The Welsh Government believes that under this arrangement, the fire authorities are not as accountable as they should be. The new Welsh

Government proposal wants to keep fire authorities as separate entities with their current boundaries, and does not support transferring fire and rescue services to the police and crime commissioners or back to local councils. It would reduce the current membership of the South Wales Fire Authority to 10, with a cabinet member representing each council.

They would like councils to continue to nominate members, but there would be fewer on each authority with the number in south Wales dropping to 10. Under the proposal, each council would nominate one member of the fire authority so it would no longer be based on population. The white paper suggests that all nominees must be members of the council's cabinet. As a member of the South Wales Fire Authority, Cllr Williams said: "If the proposals go ahead, they will have a devastating impact

on frontline services; the employment of our firefighters. That will put lives at risk and we, as a fire and rescue authority working with others in Wales, can't let that happen."

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "There has been significant public consultation on these proposals. The consultation closed last week and generated a big response from public bodies, unions, politicians and members of the public."

"Before the white paper was published, ministers discussed these issues personally with the chairs of all three fire and rescue authorities on many occasions. There have also been many discussions between Welsh Government officials and senior fire officials."

"We will reflect on the consultation responses and we are clear we would never take any action to undermine fire and rescue standards." LDR

New season 'must have' alert!

CALLING all Marble fans – the new collection has arrived!

I have a waiting list for the Marble 7/8 jeans and this season the colours are gorgeous; sunshine yellow, cobalt blue, stunning emerald, pink, lime, coral and, of course, the wardrobe staples: black, white and navy.

Any Marble devotee will know that they produce sublime summer knitwear designed to compliment the 7/8, perfect for the spring transition and later on, fabulous pure cotton t-shirts, perfect for effortless dressing.

If you prefer a skirt or dress, they have a lovely selection designed to mix and match, with tops and shrugs that mix with the 7/8 too!

We have also received Emreco and this season, they have designed a lovely cotton trouser, so for those of us that prefer a more traditional fit, call in and see them. Emreco, who know a thing or two about fashion as they have been trading for over 20 years, have designed a really clever jacket and gilet that is reversible, giving you two different looks, and if that's not enough, it packs away in a little bag that fits into your handbag – perfect! It's always lovely to

see the new stock arrive and this season, the colours are really vibrant.

Adini always use cotton and natural fibres; gorgeous cotton skirts with coordinated tops, as well as the fabulous tunics that they are known and loved for and, of course, the perfect day dress or maxi dress.

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Spring is in the air at Barry Island!



THE spring may still be a while off, but it was definitely in the air at Barry Island last Friday with warmer sunny weather and people enjoying the milder conditions.

Local photographer Andy Wicks captured these images of visitors to the Island enjoying walking their dogs and relaxing along the promenade.

IMAGES by ANDY WICKS

What's on and where - news in brief

Meet Your Local Officers

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Llandough PACT at The Royal British Legion, Penlan Road Llandough on Monday, February 18 at 7pm.

A Coffee & Chat will be held at the Victoria Inn Singingstone on Tuesday, February 19 at 11am.

Fair Bake coffee

THIS year, Fairtrade Fortnight will be held between February 25 and March 10 and to celebrate, Barry Town Council's Fairtrade advisory committee in partnership with Cadoston Methodist Church will host a Fair Bake coffee morning.

Members of the public are invited to enjoy the Fairtrade coffee, tea and cake that will be on offer on Saturday, March 9 between 10am and 12pm at Cadoston Methodist Church, Church Road, Barry (CF63 1JX). There is no charge for the event, although donations are welcome. For more information contact info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk or 01446 738633.

St David's Day concert

COWBRIDGE Rotary Club will hold their annual St David's Day Concert on March 2, at the Ramoth Hall, United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge.

Doors will open at 7pm, traditional Welsh supper with cawl, bread and cheese from 7.30pm during which there will be a cash only bar service available. This will be followed by a concert by local and district young musicians from 8.30pm.

Tickets are available from any Rotarian or email Huw Davies (hdavies11@sky.com). Price £15. The charities involved

this year are, The Samaritans, Y Bont, and Homelessness. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible there, to enjoy this most enjoyable concert.

St David's Day concert

COR Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch will this year make their annual concert the St David's day celebration at Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, March 2 commencing at 7pm.

The guest for this year's concert will be the celebrated tenor Wynne Evans, who will be making his second appearance at the Town Hall and who so thrilled the audience previously: this makes for an excellent concert.

Wynne has sung in many different countries and has walked out onto the turf of the Millennium Stadium, after the All Blacks performed the Haka, carrying the Welsh flag and singing 'Cwm Rhonda'. Huw Morgan has produced an excellent programme for the choir and the finale will be something really special - which will be a first for the choir but will I'm sure bring the house down.

Come along and enjoy a first class night of entertainment; tickets are now on sale at the Town Hall box office or any choir member.

Llantwit market THE next market day in Llantwit Major takes place on Saturday, March 16.

Those interested in running stalls should contact Llantwit Major events group on Facebook.

What's on and where

PODS

PENARTH Operatic and Dramatic Society will perform their next play Witness for the Prosecution by Agatha Christie in the Paget Rooms, from March 20-22.

The stakes are high: will likeable Leonard Vole be found guilty of the heartless murder of Emily French? To find out book your tickets at ticketsource.co.uk/pods.

Trip to Malvern Quilt Show GLAMORGAN Quilters are organising a trip to the Quilting & Needlecraft show at the Malvern Showground on Saturday, May 18.

If you have an interest in quilting and needlecraft, and fancy a day out you are very welcome to join us. There is plenty there to see and do and it's a lovely day out. The coach will leave from Cowbridge bus station and return to the same, cost £25 per person. To book or for more information contact salg96@btinternet.com.

Llantwit Major Victorian Fair LLANTWIT Major Victorian Fair will take place on Saturday, June

22 this year.

The Victorian Fair is held every two years and includes lots of entertainment, attractions and activities that are spread throughout the town. To book a stall for the day, contact Liz Evans at: lizabeth13@hotmail.co.uk.

PACT meetings

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Meet Your Local Officer at the Square, Llandough Hospital, Penlan Road, Llandough on Thursday, February 28 between 10am and 4pm.

Dyfan PACT on Sunday, February 24 at 7pm at Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk Barry.

Cuppa With a Copper at the YMCA HUB, Court Road, Barry on Wednesday, March 6 between 2pm and 3.30pm.

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"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller. He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or finding a pot of gold. Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this is your last chance to visit Rhooose, Sully and St Athan.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and

gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them. "Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item of a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found."

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

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include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting

Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

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Walking every day helped Rhiannon get over her grief - now she's walking for Marie Curie

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RIGHT: Rhiannon's dad Anthony with his grandchildren.



RHIANNON Packer (48) a senior lecturer at Cardiff Metropolitan University lost both her father and grandmother to cancer.

They were both cared for at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth and Rhiannon is now doing all she can to raise money for the charity that supported her family through tough times.

"When dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer almost 10 years ago, it hit us all really hard," said Rhiannon, of Penarth. "I can remember that week as a whirlwind of emotions; my daughter was born on the Monday, my husband was made redundant on the Wednesday, and dad was diagnosed on the Friday - it was a really challenging time.

"Dad's cancer was quite aggressive and he was told that he had about five years to live, and this was indeed the case, as he died five years later.

Towards the end of his life, a Marie Curie nurse came to our home and provided amazing care. Mum wanted him to stay at home, but dad wanted to be in the hospice, as I think he didn't want mum to have to provide the majority of his care. Dad spent the last two weeks of his life at the hospice and the whole family was with him at the end.

"It was a really difficult time for us all and six months after he died, my gran, dad's mum, found out she had lung cancer. She too, was cared for in the hospice and the care by the nurses was second to none. Everyone was so kind and thoughtful; even the little things that the nurses do make such a big difference. At such a difficult time in our lives it was reassuring to know that they were receiving the best care possible and that our needs were part of that too.

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Rhiannon helping raise funds for Marie Curie

RIGHT: Rhiannon pictured with her family - she is encouraging people to help support Marie Curie by taking part in the Step Into Spring campaign.

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Rhiannon continued: "After they had both passed away, I started looking for ways that I could fundraise for Marie Curie, to say thank you for the support that my family received and that's when I came across Step into Spring. I wasn't doing much exercise at the time, so I saw this as a way to kickstart my fitness again, as well as raising money to help other families going through the same situation as us.

"I really enjoyed the challenge of walking 10,000 steps a day - it encouraged me to get out into the fresh air. I would walk around the



university campus at lunchtime and I bought myself a FitBit so I could accurately track how many steps I was doing.

"The whole family got involved with Step into Spring - my son and daughter would often join me for a walk. Walking every day

helped me get over my grief, particularly it was a way of remembering my dad. It gave me a chance to think and reflect on everything that had happened and I know that dad's still here in my heart.

"I ended up raising £630 and I was delighted with that. I couldn't believe how generous people were. I'd definitely take on the challenge again, as it encouraged me to get active while doing

something good for a charity that did so much for us."

The charity's Step into Spring campaign is challenging people to walk 10,000 steps or more every day in March as part of their annual fundraiser, the Great Daffodil Appeal.

To find out more or sign up to Step into Spring, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/stepintospring or call 0800 716 146.

The Kid Who Would Be King is a right royal success!

TALES of the Arthurian legend on the cinema screen have been somewhat moribund in recent times.

Antoine Fuqua's *King Arthur* was po-faced and leaden, while Guy Ritchie's geezer'd take on *Arthur in King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* was an epic misfire.

Joe Cornish's take on the legend is to bring it up to date in the modern day in *The Kid Who Would Be King*, which stars Louis Ashbourne Serkis (son of Andy) as Alex, a youngster who, one evening, discovers Excalibur in a building site.

Convinced it's a joke, he confides in his best friend Bedders (Dean Chaumoo), but soon Alex realises that this is no laughing matter.

Sought out by Merlin (played by both Angus Imrie and Patrick Stewart), he tells Alex he has been chosen to defend the world from Morgana (Rebecca Ferguson) who is set to rise and try to enslave humanity.

Only Alex, Bedders and Alex's bullies Lance (Tom Taylor) and Kaye (Rhianna Dorris) can stop her...

It's been eight long years since Joe Cornish wowed us with *Attack The Block*, so his follow up has been eagerly

anticipated and *The Kid Who Would Be King* certainly doesn't disappoint.

It's a fun, charming and wholly enjoyable kids film that has enough to offer adults as well, thrilling and magical yet grounded and humorous.

Cornish, who writes as well as directs here, has spoken how the film shouldn't be seen as an allegory for the state the world, and particularly Britain, finds itself in at this moment in time.

But where newspaper headlines extol our damnation, where school children are afraid of becoming nothing, and where evil rises when the world finds itself seemingly leaderless, there's plenty more to chew on than your normal slice of family fun.

If Cornish lays this on a little too thickly at the start, then once we pick up the pace with Alex finding Excalibur, things start to ease up a little bit, the film slotting nicely into its groove helped no end by Cornish's wit and passion.

There are jokes about using Google Translate to see what is written on the sword, and Merlin's dietary requirements have been updated to ice-cream, cherryade and chicken nuggets, but Cornish manages to balance both the fantastical and the realistic wonderfully well.

There's also some nice subplots at play, in



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particular the mystery surrounding Alex' no-longer-present father, which keep things moving.

The cast are all excellent, with Louis Ashbourne Serkis as a lovely lead, ably supported by Dean Chaumoo's wide-eyed Bedders. Angus Imrie's take on Merlin is great to watch, the actor showing the idiosyncrasies and wackiness that mark him out as possible future TARDIS occupier, while Patrick Stewart's older Merlin gives a dash of gravitas when needed.

It's a shame that an actress like Rebecca Ferguson gets very little to do as the evil Morgana; she never truly convinces and when she spends the majority of her screen time

either tethered by roots to a rock or as a CGI beast, you wonder why Cornish went for such a high-profile actress in what ultimately turns out to be a low-profile part.

The film does make a few little missteps - its opening, as alluded to earlier on, is sluggish and sees Cornish trying to cram in all the relevant story strands into it, while the pacing feels off at points, the middle section in particular a little saggy as the dramatic heavy lifting gets done.

However *The Kid Who Would Be King* doesn't lack for charm or excitement, certainly not in its climax which sees *Lord Of The Rings'* battle of Helms Deep reimagined through the lens of *Home Alone*, and makes for a hugely satisfying offering from Joe Cornish.

VERDICT - A right royal success, *The Kid Who Would Be King* makes you hope that it doesn't take Joe Cornish another eight years to make a film.

Charming, witty and fun, with a dose of allegory to keep adults onboard, with a winning young cast this is a film that is well worth your time.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* (2017), *Attack The Block* (2011)

What's on - news in brief

War museum

ON Thursday, February 28 at 7pm at the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station there will be a presentation by Gary Brace on 'Eric: A Welshman in the Glasgow Highlanders', a story of a sniper in north west Europe through the battalion's battles in Normandy, Belgium, Holland and Germany on June 17, 1944, based on Gary's book about his father. Free admission.

Gardening club

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening Club will be on Thursday, February 28 at 7pm in the Lesser Town Hall.

The speakers will be Joyce and Richard Pegg on 'Preparing a garden for NGS opening'. The club looks forward to welcoming new and returning members.

Lenten Lunches

ALL Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry invite you to come and enjoy some good company and food at their Spring/Lent Lunches to be held in the church hall from 12pm to 1.30pm on four successive Thursdays: February 28, March 7 and 14 and March 21. Lunch will include soup, crusty

bread, a selection of cheeses and tea or coffee for £5 a head, including a free raffle. Everyone is welcome.

World Day of Prayer 'COME, Everything is Ready' is the title of this year's annual service which has been prepared by the women of Slovenia.

Our service will be held in the United Reformed Church, Westgate Cowbridge on Friday, March 1 at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea. Come and join us. **Celebrate St David's Day RHOOSE Community Library welcomes you to their St David's Day celebrations on Friday, March 1 from 10.30am to 3pm at the library on Fontygary Road, Rhosce. Tea/coffee and home baked Welsh cakes will be available.**

The friendly volunteers will be in traditional Welsh costume and there will always be someone to chat with! The library will hold a raffle with the chance to win some delicious authentic Welsh produce. All proceeds support Rhosce Community Library. **Cowbridge History Society THE Society's next meeting will be on Friday, March 1 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the**

Town Hall, Cowbridge.

The subject of the talk will be Button Gwinnett and His Links with Cottrell, by Christine Young of Llantwit Major History Society.

Rotary concert

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PACT Meetings

BLACKMILL PACT at Blackmill Community Centre on Monday, March 25 at 6.30pm.

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Signs of spring at Ogam Igam

THE recent sunny spell has got us looking forward to the brighter days of spring already, and Ogam Igam are bringing in the new season with lots of new colourful styles for kids and adults.

There are more styles for infants this year from the popular Bobux brand, as well as super quality for younger children from Croatian 'Froddo'. There's Skechers aplenty to choose from – the brand's lightweight and flexible trainers are great for

children on the go and their 'Heart Lights' with flashing soles and metallic styling will have your little ones excited to get their shoes on!

As always, there are many brands of school shoes in stock and with width fittings and for women, the Josef Seibel Tonga sandals in sunshine yellow leather are providing summer vibes, even in February!

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30 hour Childcare Offer is available in the Vale of Glamorgan

Parents and carers will be able to apply for the 30 hour Childcare Offer from 4th March, with childcare being made available following the Easter break on Monday 29th April.

A Parent/Carer Drop-in Session is taking place on Tuesday 26 February, 4-7pm at Barry Central Library.
No need to book, just come along if you would like more information.

What is the Offer?

30 hours a week of funded early education and childcare for eligible parents of 3 and 4 year olds, for up to 48 weeks of the year. The 30 hours will consist of a combination of the existing Foundation Phase Nursery (12.5 hours) open to all 3 and 4 year olds and the additional funded childcare (17.5 hours) for eligible families. During the school holidays it will just consist of 30 hours funded childcare, for up to 9 weeks of the year.

How do I apply?

Applications open on the 4 March 2019 and you can apply online: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis

Who can access the Offer?

Parent/s must be employed or self-employed and permanently reside in the Vale of Glamorgan; both parents must be working in a two parent family, or the sole parent in a lone parent family and earn a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours at the national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW) and be able to prove they are working via their earnings. Further information is available regarding parents on maternity/paternity, certain types of benefits claimed etc.

When can I apply?

You are able to access the offer from the term after your child's 3rd birthday, up until they are offered a full time education place (September after their 4th birthday).

You will be able to submit your application **8 weeks before** the beginning of the term your child becomes eligible for the offer.

Child's Date of Birth	First Term for Childcare	Applications Open
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	Summer 2019 (29 April 2019)	4 March 2019
1 April 2016 - 31 August 2016	Autumn 2019 (2 September 2019)	8 July 2019
1 September 2016 - 31 December 2016	Spring 2020 (6 January 2020)	11 November 2019
1 January 2017 - 31 March 2017	Summer 2020 (20 April 2020)	24 February 2020

More information is available on the Family Information Service website: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis or phone 01446 704704



Bridgend-based Sean Molino launches the Welsh Veterans Awards



Padre Roger Grafton and Veterans' Awards organiser Sean Molino.



From left: the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Cllr Leighton Rowlands; Mark Isherwood AM; and the Lord Mayor of the City of Cardiff Cllr Dianne Elizabeth Rees.

ON February 13 the first national Veterans Awards for Wales was launched, sponsored by the Flint-based company TASC Holdings Ltd.

The event took place in the Pierhead Building and was hosted by Capital FM DJ Polly James.

Speaking at the event were Mark Isherwood AM, Pete Davies (regional director ABF The Soldiers' Charity) Pablo chief editor of *The Sandbag Times*, and Sean Molino (founder of the awards).

During the launch, dance group Project Action Potential, in association with Jukebox Collective, performed 'Lest We Forget' for which members of the dance group hold a minute's silence and give poppies out to the audience.

The event was attended by military personnel, Assembly Members, veteran-owned company directors, councillors and a number of veteran community charities and organisations.

Mr Molino said: "In Wales, there are tens of thousands of former military personnel, who, upon retirement from HM Armed Forces, have gone on to contribute immensely to our country. The Veterans' Awards looks to celebrate these true heroes and reward veterans for their achievements in business, fitness, sport and the wider community."

Mr Davies of ABF, The Soldiers' Charity said: "It's great to celebrate the success of our



Capital FM's Polly James.

veterans and great that Wales should have a national awards for our Armed Forces veterans and the companies that support them. I'm looking forward to a great evening in Swansea and listening to their inspirational stories."

Mr Molino said: "I am so pleased with the response and to have so many dignitaries attend the launch and offer their support I am truly thankful, as a former Welsh Guardsman, junior NCO, and physical training instructor."

"The aim of these awards is to promote veterans that are doing great things on 'civvy street'. We want to promote all shortlisted applicants through a series of video blogs, social media releases and our website, so that they will act as role models for future service leavers."

"These awards are extremely close to my heart. As a former serving soldier I can understand how difficult transition is and

how we require help and guidance along the way, even at times if we don't ask for support.

"I want our Veterans' Awards and social media presence to become a place where serving military and veterans can discover some great advice and tips from others, who are doing truly inspirational things upon leaving the military. I hope we can inspire future service leavers that great things can be achieved with help and support."

The Welsh Veterans awards are sponsored by TASC Holdings Ltd (tascholdings.co.uk/) and will also be raising money for ABF The Soldier's Charity. The inaugural awards evening will be hosted by Capital FM's Polly James on June 26 at the Village Hotel Swansea.

Mr Molino concluded by saying: "If you know a veteran who's gone above and beyond, then please nominate them now at www.veteransawards.co.uk."

Jobs to go at Vale Council?

IF proposals in the 2019-20 budget report are adopted, there could be 27 full-time redundancies at the Vale Council.

The report was to be considered by the Vale Cabinet on February 18.

The job losses will not be in schools and the council believes some positions will be vacated through natural wastage.

The report said: "The budget proposals will have implications for the council's employees and there will be a loss of jobs."

"The reduction for 2019/20, excluding schools, is estimated to be around 27 full-time equivalents with a large part of the savings target being focused on more efficient procurement."

"Although the impact on individuals is likely to be mitigated as a result of natural wastage and the deletion of vacant posts, it is expected that there will be a number of redundancies."

The GEM approached UNISON, which represents many local authority staff, at the Vale and other councils, for comment on the proposed redundancies.

Glenn Pappas, UNISON branch

secretary said: "Neither council employees nor their UNISON representatives have been advised of potential job cuts at the Vale of Glamorgan Council."

To learn of any threat through the media first is unacceptable, particularly as it wasn't mentioned in our meeting with senior executives last month.

"The Vale is quick to champion the benefits of partnership working but UNISON has been misled about the decision-making process here. We have now found out that there will be a loss of the equivalent of 27 full time posts at the Vale of Glamorgan Council."

"The workforce cares passionately about providing good public services to their community and they must be fully included in any decisions if the council wants to cut services."

"We know the funding of the Vale and Welsh local authorities is dire because of nine years of Westminster's savage spending cuts. However, there is a duty on the council to meet the needs of the community they serve and we call on them to work with UNISON to protect jobs and services."

Empty properties in the Vale may have to pay more council tax

LANDLORDS with unoccupied homes in the Vale may have to start paying more council tax from April, in a move which could affect more than 1,000 properties.

Vale councillors will later this month be asked to approve plans to remove the current 50 per cent council tax discounts for unoccupied properties or second homes. The move, which would affect 1,395 properties, would mean long-term empty homes would have to make full payments of council tax. A full council meeting on February 28 will decide whether to remove the discount from April 1.

The council said the discounts would cost it more than £1 million if they continued.

From a consultation of 145 responses, 11 (11.3 per cent) were supportive of the council's preferred option of removing the discounts while 126 (92 per cent) of the responses were in favour of maintaining the current arrangement.

Landlords told the council they opposed the plans because of the lack of services used in the empty properties and that they also have second homes because of the death of a

relative or due to work commitments. The council's cabinet wants to remove the discount to increase the authority's coffers and also "due to the many positive impacts that can be achieved by bringing empty properties back into use".

These include providing housing for the Vale and to discourage opportunities for fly-tipping and antisocial behaviour, the council has said.

The change would affect unoccupied properties in classes A, B and C under Council Tax Regulations. Class A and B properties are unoccupied and furnished; Class A relates to properties which have a legal restriction on occupancy for a period of at least 28 days in any 12-month period, whereas Class B properties have no such restriction. Class C properties are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than six months.

On January 17 this year, 58 properties fell within Class A, 557 properties fell within Class B, and 780 properties were Class C.

Empty properties which are unoccupied and unfurnished are initially exempt from council tax altogether for up to six months and this would not change under the new proposals.

Matt Discombe, LDR

Fines issued for camping, spitting, and fishing

ENFORCEMENT firm 3GS has given out more than 1,200 fines in the Vale – including for offences such as spitting and unauthorised fishing and camping.

Vale Council is set to review the contract for 3GS, which runs out in October, as it looks to develop a new centralised enforcement service.

Fines for littering, graffiti and dog fouling will rise from £75 to £100 in April.

A new fine of £400 for small scale fly tipping would be introduced and penalties for offences for waste receptacles and litter control notices would increase from £100 to £150, under plans put forward by the council's cabinet.

Over the last 12 months the firm has given out 1,241 fixed penalty notices in the Vale.

Most of the fines – 691 – were for general littering, but the next most common offences was dropping cigarettes, which had 209 fines. Four of the fines were for spitting, while another four were handed out for breaking by laws in Rhooose which ban fishing and camping.

A further seven related to dog fouling, nine for dogs off leads and 12 for walking dogs where they are banned.

Commercial waste was linked to 171 of the fines.

A total of 781 of the fines handed out by 3GS are listed in a council report as 'awaiting

prosecution' – which means they have not been paid within the allotted time and the firm is considering whether to drop the fines or take them to court.

Most of these fines awaiting prosecution – 552 – related to general litter, 71 to dropped cigarettes, 60 to commercial waste, while one related to prohibited fishing in Rhooose.

Vale Council is now looking to review the contract of 3GS, which runs out in October, as part of a move to bring enforcement services back in house.

A council report says the enforcement team "would be intended to have a zero tolerance approach to environmental crime," but that "it is not lawful or ethical for the Council to set targets for enforcement officers".

The new enforcement team and change to fixed penalty notices have been referred to the council's environment and regeneration scrutiny

committee before a final decision is made.

Miles Punter, director of environment and housing for the Vale Council, said: "The Vale of Glamorgan has some of the cleanest streets in Wales and generally high level of compliance with parking rules. However, targeted enforcement is always needed to keep standards high."

"We are proposing to bring these services back in-house with the establishment of a new all-encompassing enforcement team where the economies of scale achieved will ensure a more efficient service."

"If established, there will be no targets or quotas for our team but we are sure that by managing the service ourselves we can ensure a consistent and fair approach to enforcement while also covering all costs."

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Law and order, courts and firefighting 1886 – 1914: Barry history by Laurie Owen

Local historian Laurie Owen continues his series, looking at the rapid growth of Barry, from a small village to a large town, around the turn of the 19th century.

THOUSANDS of men working on the docks and railway from 1884 gave rise to the building of many licensed hotels and the appearance of illegal 'shebeens'.

The village bobby could no longer maintain control, as drunken men often led to fighting and prostitutes added to the problem.

To combat this new menace, the county police station was built on the corner of Holton and Court Road in 1886 by TA Walker, the contractor who built the docks. With four cells and quarters for the superintendent, two sergeants and constables, East Barry and Iddesleigh Street later had just two cells.

The celebrations for the grand opening of the docks in July 1889 were expected to attract a great many of the 'light-fingered fraternity', but the police resolved that those with 'priggish propensities' would not 'glean the harvest' they desired.

One such villain who stole a woman's purse was set upon by the large crowd then chased and apprehended by PC 269 Stephen Davies and brought before the court. After pleading the influence of drink and his dying child, he was sentenced to two months hard labour.

Superintendent Wake, the deputy Chief Constable attended licensing sessions as a character witness, whether for a theatrical licence with no alcohol or a fully licensed hotel or public house, of which there were many.

In 1889 an inquest was held at the Wenvoe Arms Hotel and another at east Barry police station, but mostly they took place at Holton Road, as did local courts. With crime on the increase there was urgent need of a separate facility to allow occasional County Courts to be held, thereby saving time and money.

Offences were mainly drink-related, for which the fine was usually 2s 6d; and non-payment of rates cropped up quite often.

Women also appeared and when one slapped another for trying to steal her husband she was fined 2s 6d. For riding on a cart with no reins the fine was 1s and 5s for selling petrol without a licence.

When new JPs for Glamorgan were announced in May 1891, insultingly there would be 'no appointment for Barry and Cadoxton until suitable gentlemen come to reside in the district'.

A few months later, Jones & Son of Penarth built a new Court adjoining the police station, with Inspector Rees in charge. A large airy room accommodated 20 magistrates, a clerk and legal advocates, witness and press area, with a large box to hold 20 prisoners.

There were 100 public seats, a Justices' retiring room and gas lighting throughout. Local Board member JC Meggitt could imagine fortnightly local courts increasing to weekly, then a branch of the County Court and finally its own.

In September 1892, 25 new constables were appointed to deal with the rapidly-growing population.

Two years later, local builder HJ Money enlarged accommodation in the station for 'visitors'. Police gave evidence to magistrates proving that a local publican was 'harbouring prostitutes and permitting drunkenness'.

Holton Road at the top of Thompson Street was 'literally infested with men and women of immoral character', but now the public could be assured that this 'moral pest would be considerably minimised'.

In a landmark moment, telephone connections were made between the police stations of Cardiff, Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and St Nicholas, allowing officers to contact colleagues. With prices being sought for the equipment, Glamorgan CC agreed to contribute £5pa subject to a vague proviso linked to fire-fighting.

In 1895, JC Meggitt and J Lowdon were now deemed suitable to be County Magistrates, even though both had been gentlemen and very active in the growth of the district.

After seven long years, in November 1898 Judge William Stevenson Owen presided over the first sitting of Barry County Court with local solicitor Alfred Jackson as Registrar and J Wagstaff his Chief Clerk.

One of the first cases was upholsterer James Edward Tallboy suing William Hillier for 23s loss of rent, but with his own vague evidence and

William's rent book, he was unsuccessful.

Mr Tallboy was a bit of a rogue with several previous court cases and a bankruptcy; but of interest to older readers, his sons James and Luther were in Barry by 1911 trading as a 'fruit dealer' and 'fishmonger'. In Kelly's directory of 1923, James Tallboy & Co were fruit merchants in Greenwood Street and also at 255/7 Holton Road.

They would deliver their wares, including Corona lemonade to customers' homes into the 1960s and beyond. Other cases were for non-payment of goods supplied, ranging from 4s 9d, £1.3s.3d to £63 for hay and corn. Dr O'Donnell sued for £2.3s.6d unpaid medical attendance and a man claimed £5 for a one-eyed horse which had collapsed and died.

An early photograph shows a sergeant, two constables, a wife and a youngster in his Boys' Brigade uniform, posing outside Cadoxton police station in Iddesleigh Street, opposite Quarella Street. Living with PC Ben Davies at number 19 in 1891 was his wife Louisa, eight year old son Joseph and PC David Roberts.

The following year it was renamed Main Street and by the next census, Ben had been promoted to Sergeant and was joined by constables William Jones, Thomas Kemp, Jacob Lovelock and John Richards.

Surprisingly by 1911, Ben was a police pensioner at just 58 years of age, living at 23 Kenilworth Road with Louisa, son Joseph and daughter-in-law May.

In June 1903, Glamorgan CC and the Joint Police Commissioner inspected a piece of land opposite the Wenvoe Arms as a possible site for a new station. Sanitary Inspector Samuel Sommerfield recently left the old house and premises known as 'The Cot' and the property was being offered To Let. Though seemingly ideal, a new police station was built six years later on Weston Hill, by William Britton at a cost of £2,795.

East Barry had a new station early in 1890 at 43/44 High Street, on the corner of East Street. In the census, John Evans was the 41-year-old sergeant at number 43 with wife Rachel, four sons and three daughters. Next door were constables WH Thomas from Llancarfan and William Hancock from Somerset.

Ten years later, Devon-born John Abraham was the sergeant at number 43, with wife Margaret, a son and five daughters. The three young constables next door were William Dowry, Albert E Savage and Patrick O'Brien. In 1911, constable Joseph Foy (unsure of exact surname) was at number 43 with Charles Harrison from Paddington and Edward Beresford from Worcestershire living next door. Staff transferred from High Street to the new County Police Station on Harbour Road in June 1914, which our generation knew as Ship Hill.

Erected by WA Jones of Bridgend for £3,700, Sergeant WJ Angus was Officer in charge of six constables. On the ground floor was a mess-room, charge room and household conveniences, with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and lavatories up above, while outside was an exercise yard. With electric bells, the three cells were for the 'temporary lodgement of prisoners'.

Early in 1900, Barry Island police station was in a private house on an annual tenancy and Dr O'Donnell wanted the joint Police Committee to erect something more permanent, but they were even refused a telephone connection. Inspector David Pugh was at the Police Lodge in 1901, with wife Ann and seven children, whereas ten years earlier he had been a docks policeman.

Though outside the timeline of this story, an event occurred in the long hot summer of 1919, for which Supt DG Morris and his men received lavish praise. Young men who survived the horrors of war came home to unemployment, poverty and the sight of hundreds of 'coloured' immigrants in their town.

With some having married white girls and intensified by the heat in June, a series of 'racial riots' erupted in south Wales. In Barry, a local dock labourer was fatally stabbed by a sailor from the French West Indies, causing thousands to raid the 'negroes' quarters'. There followed reprisals on both sides, many armed with revolvers and the police were caught in the middle trying to protect the coloured men who were vastly outnumbered.

GEM NOTE: Certain words in the preceding two paragraphs are not in use in modern parlance, but we have chosen to retain the language of the period.

Fire-fighting, 1889-1913.



The Merryweather Hatfield fire engine 1913.

By 1889, 45 fire hydrants had been installed around Cadoxton and ED Jones' request for some in east Barry was approved, but with hydrants and T-pieces costing £2, this was one more drain on finances. Firemen could not always find the hydrants and when they did, they were often choked up with bricks and stones.

A year later, Shand, Mason of London supplied three sets of 'fire extinguishing and escape appliances' with 30 feet ladders for £150, to be stored in newly erected sheds near the police stations. They were horse-drawn with water being pumped manually at 150 gallons a minute, but many fit and strong men were needed to replace colleagues, exhausted after just five minutes on the pump.

With equipment in place, who would be responsible for their operation and management?

In other areas of south Wales it fell to the local constabulary at the princely sum of £10pa. Superintendent Wake, with 12 constables and two others on the way, was willing to undertake the role but turned down assistance from 12 volunteers.

Over the next few years, there was some concern over the suitability of constables with basic extinguishing appliances being tasked with fighting a large fire. In June 1899, a volunteer fire brigade seemed imminent with JG Walker as its Captain, but after a great deal of discussion the idea was shelved, mainly because of cost.

Two years later, Supt Giddings agreed that the police would continue in their role with his staff wages increasing from £15 to £60pa.

Sketch plans for a new fire engine station had been presented to committee as early as May 1897, but it would be four years before Dr PJ O'Donnell, as chairman of the Health Committee, carried out the formal opening on Court Road.

Built by Jones Bros, it was three storeys high with an engine room, apartments for the men and officers, a watch-room, stables and a hose-drying tower. With manual pumping now superseded by a Shand, Mason 'vertical steam fire engine', it could pump 350 gallons of water per minute to a height of 161 feet via a 1.5 inch jet pipe.

The combined hose, tender, fire escape with 60 feet telescopic sliding carriers and all the latest improvements, still needed horses to transport it. Inspector Morris was brigade leader and James Hutton as Fire Superintendent was paid 35s a week plus housing, coal, gas and uniform.

A public mortuary and post mortem room was erected in the yard at the rear, bringing the total cost to £3,500.

After the exertions of the morning, the officials and guests enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Royal Hotel.

As part of a major rethink on the whole question of fire-fighting, in 1903 the district was theoretically divided into two separate areas. The docks had a special system of dealing with fires and buildings along the dockside, being served by hoses from the dock fire floats.

The steam fire engine had never been used and the fire station was described as a 'white elephant' which could be put to better use, so councillors decided to abandon the engine and revert to the manual system.

Fire engineer Mr Hutton was sacked with one month's wages. It was then hotly debated whether

to convert the building to an accident hospital instead of Kingsland Crescent, or to accommodate pupils from Holton School. In fact it was rented by the Education Committee for £100pa with the final loss on the steam fire engine recorded as being only £118.

The Fire Engine Sub-Committee were once again discussing a steam fire engine in July 1910, with councillors JT Hogg and JA Manaton against spending another £500 when water pressure in town was high.

To illustrate the point, when a fire occurred opposite Lloyds Bank in Thompson Street, water was manually pumped from the hydrant over houses into Sydenham Street. By a vote of 4-3, it was decided to borrow £1,000 for a modern 'steam fire engine', but no record has been found to confirm it actually happened.

Within three years it was announced that the fire station was now needed to house a new 'Motor Fire Engine'.

In February 1913, the UDC sought applications for a Voluntary Fire Brigade, meaning the end of 23 years of police involvement, which had long been sought by ratepayers and others. The Captain would be paid £10.10s pa + 7s.6d per call and 2s an hour after the first hour; the vice-Captain £5.5s pa + 5s and 1s.6d; firemen £1.10s pa (20 drills) + 2s.6d and 1s; rates to be doubled for fires outside the district.

Also required were a driver and wife to both act as caretakers of the station with some cleaning at Holton School, for £1.15s a week with living accommodation.

The Fire Brigade committee, presided over by PJ O'Donnell, announced that Francis R Hybart would be Captain with E Guest as vice-Captain, assisted by 12 firemen. Mr Hybart was the assistant Surveyor to the UDC and Mr Guest, the chief Water Inspector.

The Merryweather Hatfield Motor Fire Engine duly arrived at the Fire Station on Court Road, with its petrol four cylinder engine capable of 40mph and able to deliver water at 500 gallons a minute. With 1,000 feet of canvas hose and all the latest equipment, a full complement of firemen sitting and standing could be conveyed.

Horses were finally redundant – until it broke down.

Soon after its arrival and en route to a fire, as the driver turned into Dock View Road from Castleand Street, the vehicle 'ran wild probably through skidding' so Sergeant D Rees and others jumped off, fearing a collision.

Driver D Matthews kept control and Inspector RH Thomas seated next to him was safe, but vice-captain E Guest was thrown out violently and badly injured. The fire itself was very minor. With some police officers still present, the new brigade was possibly not yet fully trained.

Mr Guest was back in work within two months and in October 1915, was presented with a smoker's cabinet and tobacco by the brigade, just prior to leaving on active service.

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HERBS are a great way for novice gardeners to start growing their own: from sage to thyme, rosemary to clipped bay and flowering chives, you can combine a variety of herbs in one space whether that's a specially built herb garden, flower bed or container.

If you are planning on creating a herb garden it should, ideally, be placed in the sunniest part of your garden. Most of the common herbs are native to the Mediterranean so if you can create similar conditions in your garden they will thrive.

Before you start, decide which herbs you would like to grow – this will give you a good idea of how much space you will need. A basic rule of thumb is 10 plants per sq metre, which will give you something to look at during the first year and a good effect thereafter. Alternatively, you could plant a raised bed with your favourite herbs within easy reach of your kitchen.

Raised beds are relatively simple and easy to construct using wooden sleepers. Once you have worked out the best location for your herb bed fix the sleepers in position and fill it with a mixture of soil and peat-free compost, then plant in your selection of herbs.

Herbs also grow well in containers. A couple of herb filled pots by the kitchen door are ideal for snipping at throughout the year, and benefit from the fact that they can be moved as the seasons change to get the best of the sunshine.

The top five classic favourites are:

Mint – easy to grow and if you pick it regularly it will grow bushy and give you leaves from April to November.

Chives – great in salads or as a soup garnish, they have lovely bee-friendly flowers and do well in partial sun.

Sage – its velvety leaves and small, purple flowers look spectacular and it requires very little



maintenance. It thrives in dry conditions, so don't overwater.

Bay – bays are practical and ornamental hardy evergreen trees with aromatic leaves and small yellow flowers and can be kept small by growing in a pot and pruning.

Rosemary – an evergreen hardy shrub with aromatic leaves and small purple or white flowers that thrives in full sun and needs minimal pruning or attention.

March is the month for getting the garden ready for the summer months ahead, so here's what experts suggest for this month's gardening 'to do' list:

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around

the garden.

RHS advice: 'March is when winter turns to spring so start your month propagating and dividing and then get planting as the weather becomes milder. It's a great idea to plant your lilies at the end of the month and make sure you look after your snowdrops.'

Country Life: 'When buying bulbs, everyone seems to think of daffodils, tulips, crocus, but forget there are some great summer flowering bulbs too. Think gladioli, lilies, freesias, as well as unusual ones such as Sparaxis and Tigridia. They are super colourful and extra easy to grow. Summer flowering bulbs are ideal for dropping into any gap in the border, so if you've bought shrubs which haven't filled out quite yet, fill that space in the meantime with some bulbs.'

Michael Parry, founder of Grubby Gardeners

What's on - News in brief

Quiz night

LLANTWIT Major Bowls Club will hold a quiz night in the Llantonian Hall on Friday, February 22 at 7pm. Entry is £5 which includes refreshments.

Teams of six, although couples/singles can be formed into ad hoc teams on the night; all welcome. Contact Graham on 07925 199365 or Etta on 01446 622313 for further information.

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Gibbonsdown and Colcot will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, February 23 between 10am and 11am in the Jenner Suite, Barry Town Football Club, Barry Road. No appointment necessary.

Rhoseo bingo

THE management committee at Rhoseo Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoseo, will be holding their monthly bingo afternoon on Saturday, February 23, doors open at 1.30pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

Light refreshments will be provided at the half time break, with the usual raffle; all welcome.

Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' will meet for a beach clean on Sunday, February 24 at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island. Volunteers should meet near Marco's cafe for a 3pm start.

The litter pick lasts for an hour and equipment will be supplied. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but ask that children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Barry Floral Society

THE Barry Floral Society will meet at the St Nicholas Hall, Barry on Tuesday, February 26 at 2.15pm.

Local florist Nicola Hopkins of Budding Designs will pay her first visit to the club. New members welcome!

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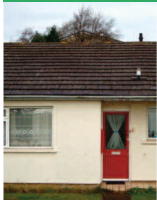
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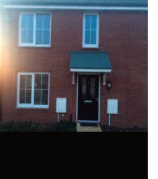
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AMENDED FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Jill's funeral will take place at 11.30am on Thursday, 28th February in St James's Church, Colwall, Nr. Malvern, Worcestershire, followed by private cremation in Hereford.

EBERT

John David

Passed away on Friday, 15th February 2019 at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.
Loving husband of Gwyneth, much loved dad of Helen, Jayne and son-in-laws Andy and Clive. Adored grandad to Laura, Siôn, Paul and Jonathan.

John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 28th February at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made at the service in memory of John to support Cystic Fibrosis and Tenovus.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis. Further enquiries contact 01446 407962.

BARNETT

Kathryn (née Langford)

Peacefully on 9th February 2019, Kathryn beloved wife of Bill, much loved mum of John and Michael.

Kathryn will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 25th February at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 10.30am.

Family flowers only. Donations, in lieu, if so desired for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth in memory of Kathryn.

Please wear no black attire but her favourite colour purple or lilac.

RINGHAM

Horace

Passed peacefully after a long illness at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth on 16th February, aged 93 years. Beloved father of Paul, David and the late John and their families.

Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Monday, 4th March at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

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Brian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in The Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 6th March at 2pm, followed by interment at Zoar Chapel, Bonvilston.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Holy Trinity Church, Barry c/o the funeral director.

LEWIS

Pastor Glyn

Peacefully at home on 10th February, in the presence of his family. Glyn was called home to Glory. Dearly beloved husband of Joy, loving father of Rachel and Matthew, doting grandfather of Charley, much loved brother of Linda.

Glyn will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and his church family at Mount Pleasant where he faithfully served as an elder for many years.

Thanksgiving service to be held at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadoxton, Barry on Friday, 1st March at 10.30 am, then at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made to the British Heart Foundation.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

ALFORD

Nina

Peacefully passed away on 4th February 2019, aged 98 years. Much loved mum to Jennifer and Elaine. Also cherished nan and grandmam.

Nina will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at St John's Methodist Church, Barry Island on Wednesday, 27th February at 2pm, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made in memory of Nina in favour of Cartref Porthceri Residential Home at the service.

CROSS

Catherine Elizabeth (Known as Kit) (née Edward) (Formerly of Cadoxton, Barry)

After a short illness on 28th January, Catherine passed away at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 86 years. Much loved mother of Michele, mother-in-law to Stewart, adored grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 28th February at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys.



HILBERG

Shirley (née Coombes)

Passed away peacefully at home on 14th February, surrounded by those who loved her most. Beloved wife of Rodney, cherished mum to Joanne, Nicola and Leigh-Ann, much loved sister to Lynne, and a wonderful grandmother, sister-in-law and aunt.

Shirley will be sadly missed by all who were privileged to know her.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, Tynwydd Road, Barry until the funeral service at 1pm on Thursday, 28th February at Cardiff and Glamorgan crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Informal clothing please, flowers are welcome or donations in lieu will go to British Heart Foundation.

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KAY

Catherine June

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 7th March at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to the Alzheimer's Society (www.alzheimers.org.uk) or c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel No 01656 650831.

LONG

John

Richard John Long died suddenly but peacefully at home on Wednesday, 6th February 2019, aged 95 years. Devoted and dearly beloved husband to Hilda, much loved father to Tacy, Michael, Frances and Ruth, father-in-law, grandad and great-grandad. Good friend to many.

Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Wednesday, 27th February 2019 at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations in his memory can be made to BRACE Alzheimer's Research or the RNLI c/o W. H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN.

MINSHULL

Brian Sylvester

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 12th February 2019 at his home in St Hilary surrounded by his family, aged 87 years. Beloved father and grandfather. A much loved character who left a lasting impression on everybody he met, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

The service is to be private at the family's request.

NOREY

Ronald

It is with sadness we announce the death of Ronald Norey who passed away on 7 February 2019.

All are welcome to the funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, 26 February at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations may be made c/o the Parish Office, Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge for Marie Curie and Llanannor and Llanharry C/W School.

Acknowledgements

TIPPING

John

John's family wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and messages of sympathy, condolence and support. Thanks to Reverend Suzanne Brumwell for conducting the service at Coychurch Crematorium and to the family and friends who attended the service.

Appreciation to all the staff Glanffrd Nursing Home, Pencroft for their compassion, dedication and kindness. Thanks to Brian Thomas Funeral Directors for their help and support. Also, thank you for the donations received in lieu of flowers for Alzheimers and Parkinsons.

God Bless John. Rest in your well deserved peace.

MORGAN

Philip William (Phil)

Paul and Jo wish to thank all relatives and friends for their messages and tokens of sympathy, also their kindness shown during this time of sadness.

With special thanks to all Phil's neighbours in Boverton, his friends in the Monday Club, Pensions Club and Llantwit Major Horticulture Society (including those on the allotment) and a very special thanks to all at Zoar Church.

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 43 LLANTWIT MAJOR) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2018

On the 8th February 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The effect of the Order will be to divert the public footpath running from the adopted highway (Boverton Road) (NGR 298576 168444) to the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298577 168556 and create an alternative footpath on a line running from the adopted highway (Boverton Road) NGR 298576 168444 to the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298605 168534 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Order map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 8th February 2019 but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may, under section 287 of the Act within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to the Act, make an application to the High Court.

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 43 LLANTWIT MAJOR) PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER 2018

On 8th February, 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to stop up the public footpath running from the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298583 168603 to the adopted highway (Eglwys Brewis Road) NGR 298590 168665 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Order map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 8th February, 2019 but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may, under section 287 of the Act within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to the Act, make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 21st February 2019

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THE recent Welsh Stillwater Championships saw Vale Surf Lifesaving Club competing across all age groups from Nippers to Masters.

The Nipper section of the club was represented by Summer Hurley, Harry Nicholas, Kaiya Takata, Katie Luen-Twining, Esme Bennett, Gethin Barber, Evie Barber, Jessica Oakley, Katie Oakley, Honor Hopkin, Elinor Burrows, Owen Boffy, Freya Dobson and Oliver Nolan, the majority of whom were first-time competitors not only at a Stillwater competition but also in a 50 metre pool. Each and every member of the team put in excellent performances.

Harry Nicholas was superb in the 8yr Manikin Carry event winning a gold medal and he also won a bronze medal in the Board Race and came in fourth place in the Flipper Race. Gethin Barber was excellent in the Manikin Carry finishing in fourth place while Elinor Burrows achieved a brilliant fifth place in the Manikin Carry.

Top 10 places were also achieved by Honor Hopkin who finished ninth in the Board Race, Kaiya Takata who finished eighth in the Flipper Race and 10th in the Manikin Race and Summer Hurley finishing ninth in the Flipper Race.

In the Tube Rescue, Katie Luen-Twining and Kaiya finished in ninth position with Gethin and Harry finishing in 10th position in the boys' event. In Board Rescue Gethin and Harry finished ninth while the girls Medley Relay team of Honor, Freya, Evie and Katie Luen-Twining finished in 10th place.

In the Board Relay event the guesting team of Ollie, Owen, Gethin, Harry, Kaiya and Honor achieved an excellent seventh place.

Despite being such a small team the Nippers finished in 11th place overall and everyone at Vale SLSC is extremely proud of them all.

Many thanks to Nia for managing the team and to Gem for her help on the day, also it was great to see so many of the older members of the club travelling to Swansea to support the Nippers in their first Stillwater competition.

The Junior, Senior and Masters team competed over two days bringing back several medals and personal bests, with the combined team finishing in seventh place overall.

In the boys' under-17 competition Reuben Hopkin put in fine performances to win a bronze in the

Manikin Carry and bronze in the Super lifesaver. Reuben finished in seventh place in the under-17 Rescue Medley and also competed in the Open Manikin Carry event where he finished in an excellent ninth position despite being the youngest competitor in the race.

Emily Parker produced a very fast time to win a gold medal in the under-17 Manikin Tow with Fins and retain her Welsh Champion title despite being only 15-years-old.

She also put in strong performances to finish sixth in the Manikin Carry with Fins and fifth in the Super Lifesaver.

Competing for Vale SLSC for the first time Maisie Edwards finished a superb fifth place in the under-17 Manikin Carry, sixth in the Open swim, sixth in the Rescue Medley and eighth in the Super Lifesaver.

Just outside the medal positions but gaining valuable points for the club was Ben Ewington putting in an excellent performance to finish fourth in the under-15 Manikin Tow with Fins, fifth in the Manikin Carry and sixth in the Manikin Carry with Fins.

Ben teamed up with Louie Gwatkin to finish in fourth place in the under-15 rope throw. In the Open event, Dafydd Nicholls finished just outside the medals in fourth place in the Rescue Medley with Declan Ewington finishing in ninth place.

The small Masters' team of Jo Nicholas, Nia Hopkin, Gemma Ewington, Becky Helmore, Darren Baker and Simon Parker finished in ninth position out of 15 clubs, winning several medals between them.

Competing for Vale SLSC for the first time Jo Nicholas put in a brilliant performance to win a silver medal in the Manikin Carry event.

Nia Hopkin and Becky Helmore won a silver medal in the ladies Rope Rescue with Simon Parker and Darren Baker winning a silver medal in the men's Rope Rescue.

Simon Parker also won a bronze medal in the Manikin Carry and a silver medal in the Rescue Medley.

Many thanks to Aled James from Rhooose Dental Practice for sponsoring the Stillwater T-Shirts which all competitors wore with pride during the competition and to all the parents who helped with timekeeping duties throughout the weekend.

Vale SLSC is looking forward to competing in the GB Stillwater Championships in Cardiff in April.

Llantwit Major RFC run in six tries in win against Tonyrefail

THE Blood and Blacks turned on the style as they recorded an emphatic win against a strong Tonyrefail side.

When this group of Llantwians click they really do click, and why their league ranking shrouds a team which is far stronger than their mid-table obscurity shows.

Llantwit had done their homework on their opponents who had a big heavy pack and a good kicking game so they knew they had to be quick out of the blocks and rely on high tempo rugby to tire out their opponents.

The Llantwians kept to the script perfectly as they scored three tries in the first quarter to race into a 21-0 lead.

The first try came straight from the off as Llantwit, playing towards the clubhouse, received the ball from start set about obtaining

good field positioning by setting up platforms with strong runs and then gradually pinning back their opponents with some fine kicking.

In no time they were on the Tonyrefail 22 and with some more powerful runs edged forward until big tight-head prop Dave Taylor went hunting for the whitewash as he broke through and, showing some lovely footwork for a big man, left two further defenders in his wake as he steamed over. The conversion was added by outside half Loz Howley.

The second came from some good field positioning and then when awarded a five metre scrum on the Tonyrefail line, the pack again showed they were more than a match for their big opponents as once the ball was secured at the back they dug deep, pushing them back, and when the scrum was wheeled under the pressure,



Evan Holloway sets off on his way to score his second try.

number eight Rob Carter took the opportunity to pick the ball up from the base and dive over the whitewash. Howley added the two points.

The third try followed as the backs decided they had had enough of the big boys stealing the limelight.

The move started as hooker Huw Williams seized a spilled ball from a Tonyrefail attack just inside their half and with lovely hands offloaded to centre Josh Austin who made good ground until brought down. Brothers Rhys David at openside flanker and captain Geraint at prop then combined well to keep the move flowing towards the Bowling green corner.

The next phase quickly changed direction as the ball was whisked back across field and centre Austin was again on hand to gain crucial space in spotting a mis-match in mid-field as he stepped inside two opponent forwards before releasing partner centre Joel Thomas, who charged through two desperate cover tackles to go over for another converted try.

With the scoreboard rattling up you would think this was one-way traffic for the home side, but this couldn't be further from the truth as the visitors were battling hard but they just couldn't manage to gain many opportunities of their own and break the Llantwit defensive line. They did, however, manage to claw back first three points when some good pressure gave them a penalty in front of the sticks, and then before the break gave themselves hope as a period of forward dominance in the Llantwit 22 earned them a well-deserved unconverted try. The

half time score 21-8. Llantwit though were the first back on the scoreboard as they took advantage of some early pressure to extend their lead with a penalty kick.

The next period though was all about defending as Tonyrefail threw everything they had at Llantwit to get back in the game. The game deadlocked for some time as the packs tore into each other and both tens battled for field position with big kicks out of hand.

The stalemate was broken by a scrum deep in Llantwits half which the home side, sensing their bigger opponents were beginning to tire, went for a nudge and were duly rewarded as hooker Williams took one against the head.

The ball was quickly taken blind to replacement centre Matt Roberts who gave a lovely weighted pass to wing Evan Holloway who first bumped off his opponent before jinking inside and then set off on a long sprint to the line, his speed no match for the covering defence as he rounded them and went in behind the posts.

Tonyrefail again battled back and came close on several attempts as Llantwit were camped on their own line but the Blood and Blacks held tight and then came the killer blow as turnover ball close to their own line by Llantwit was spread wide and again centre Roberts and wing Holloway combined.

This time Roberts gave a lovely example of drawing and giving a pass as he tied up two defenders before releasing Holloway who went off on a similar huge run, this time adding some good vision by stepping inside the last cover defence to go in under the posts.

This was really the

end of any fight back by Tonyrefail as they were now out on their feet with their once powerful scrum in disarray and having to opt for passive scrums added with some ill-discipline late on saw them finish the game with just 12 men on the field, Llantwit taking the opportunity to cross for the sixth try to round off a solid display.

A great win then for Llantwit especially as Tonyrefail were a much better side than the scoreline shows and will be no doubt be a tough prospect on their own patch at the end of the season.

They just faced a side which clicked and held strong to the game plan something they haven't always maintained during the season and why the table placing tells no lies.

Man of the match was scrum half Ryan Evans who was looking sharp and in control throughout, with further mention going to Howley who had another good day with the boot with his place kicking and out of hand which kept turning the big opponents.

Both wings, Holloway with his two tries, and Steff Godwin, who was putting himself about and made good ground with finding space in the tight areas, also played well.

Llantwit now have another fortnight off with the Six Nations again taking priority before they travel to the capital to take on Llandaff.

The clubhouse will naturally be showing the internationals this weekend with both bars and function room open, non-members welcome.

AH

Disappointment for Barry RFC's threadbare seconds

BARRY second XV travelled to Llanishen on Saturday, hoping to continue with their upward momentum.

Their preparations were not helped by disruptions due to injuries and players unavailable, plus the on-going Six Nations. Nonetheless, Barry managed to field another competitive side as they travelled to the capital.

Barry began the game with an intensity that their hosts struggled to live with and were rewarded early on when Ethan Dicks intercepted to race through for a converted try.

Unfortunately, that was as good as it got as Barry's threadbare squad were exposed in the latter parts of the game.

Llanishen came back into the game with a measured approach and negated the power of the Barry scrum by going uncontested.

Barry kept on battling, but it was the home side who went into the interval ahead on points.

With the hosts rolling on their substitutes, Barry unleashed player-manager

Joel Williams after a long injury lay-off to try to stem the tide.

However, a serious injury to Dominic Busuttil halted the visitors in their tracks and disrupted any attacking momentum. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Barry defended as a unit but their opponents' fresh legs held sway in the second period, despite the efforts of Cotter, Hewitson and Allen in his second game for the club.

The visiting side had to see out the latter periods of the game with only 13 on the pitch following more injuries as Llanishen made hay.

The final result of 32-7 was harsh on a Barry side full of spirit. Let us hope that they can regroup after the next round of Six Nations games to return with a bang.

Team: Mephem; Forrester, Busuttil, Dicks, Wheeler, Hewitson, Cotter; Velda, Bowditch, Hunt; Allen, Hall; Morris, Corson, Harding. Replacements: Williams.

KC

Barry Swimming Club hold presentation night and AGM

ON January 26 Barry Amateur Swimming Club held their 93rd AGM and presentation evening at the BP Sports and Social Club in Sully.

Chairman Heulwen Cooper welcomed everyone including life members, representatives of Barry Beavers and special guest Paralympian swimmer Sam Hynd.

Sam represented Great Britain at top international level for well over a decade; he has held a number of world records and won medals in the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Paralympics in the S8 category.

In her report, the chairman stated that while female members still outnumbered males, the gap is narrowing and this should help the club regain their competitive swimming abilities. At present the club's small team of volunteer coaches, who run sessions regularly, have been augmented by some new volunteers, four of whom are currently working hard on a Level 1 coaching course which has been arranged at the Barry pool.

However, the club can always do with more help at poolside and would also welcome offers to support the small committee and administrative team. There are numerous tasks which need to be undertaken and decisions to be made in order to run a successful swimming club.

Future events include the Postal Long Distance Swim, to be held in early



February. This is entered by clubs from all over the UK and in recent years club members have won a few first places and medals. At the beginning of March, the club is hoping to send a team to a gala in Rhondda, and later in the month Barry are hosting a home gala.

In May, the club will be holding their sprint championships. In mid-July, the Cardiff Bay meet will take place; the chairman reiterated that this is a very large event organised by Barry for almost 30 years, the success of which relies heavily on volunteer support from parents.

The report provided by the treasurer indicated that the club continues to be in a good financial position.

The club captains for the forthcoming year were announced: Iestyn Perkins was asked to continue in the role of Boys' captain and the post of girls' captain is to be shared between Pia Sully and Nia Fuller. Heulwen then

welcomed Sam Hynd to tell everyone about his competing in the Olympics and how he won his medals. Sam then presented trophies and medals to the boys and girls who competed in the club championships held over three weeks in November. Special cups were then awarded to some outstanding club members.

Best runners-up were Nia Fuller and Alfie Sargeant, both came second in every one of the championship races in November. Best newcomer awards went to Elizabeth Filise and Cai Selby, best novice swimmers were Rosie Chick and Daniel Halliday and the most improved swimmers were named as Gwenno Davies and Alfie Sargeant.

Iestyn Perkins was presented with the Loyalty Cup; he helps with the training and is a reliable club member. Eleri Borges was awarded Lady Club Member of the Year for her work with the youngest club members over a number of years and Nigel Ralphs was Male Club Member of the Year for all his help and hard work at poolside.

Following the presentation of awards club members had the opportunity to chat to Sam Hynd and actually wear an Olympic medal.

The club will be holding trials on the morning of Sunday, February 17 between 9am and 10am; if anyone is interested please contact the membership secretary on 07866 078665.

SB

Gwenno leads runners to success!



Gwenno Goode.

GWENNO Goode from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg became Welsh Champion in cross country when the year-9 pupil competed in the National Welsh Schools Championship in Brecon.

She took the gold medal for pupils in year-8 and 9, over a distance of 3.7km.

Gwenno (15) will now represent Wales in the British Championship.

She said: "It was an exciting competition, full of runners from all around the country. By now, I'm quite used to these sort of competitions, but I was still nervous on the day as I wanted to run the best that I could!"

Mr Beynon, the PE teacher at

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg was very proud of Gwenno's achievement, but also, of several other competitors on the day. He said: "We had 14 pupils representing the school. Moli Lyons, year-10 came second throughout Wales in her age-group, and Manon Pearce, of year-9, came sixth in the same competition as Gwenno.

"The boys also did well, with many pupils reaching the top 30. As a school we are very proud of these amazing achievements."

Gwenno and Moli will now go on to represent Wales in Ireland at the end of March. Pob dymuniad da iddynt!

HL

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Llantwit Major reserves' good form continues

LLANTWIT Major reserves added to their impressive run in the calendar year, winning four of their five last games after defeating Pontardawe 2-1 at Windmill Lane on Saturday.

The previous meeting saw the opposition win 3-0 in September. However, the reserve side were keen to put the record straight with a new lease of confidence and experience in the tough division.

Llantwit started well with a few chances at goal, Josh Morgan and Max Morgan both having decent chances to get an early goal but failed to hit the target after good movement and buildup play from their team.

Pontardawe's young side were on the back foot for most of the first half but looked a threat on the counter attack. Fortunately, the defence stood tall and stopped any attacks forming.

After defence-cutting balls from Gethin Jennings, the 20 minute mark saw a succession of lobs from Leeroy Jones, Max Morgan and Lewis Brown with efforts all going over the bar. This built up frustration as the home side were doing more than enough to score.

Finally the first goal came on the half hour mark, Josh was brought down in the area after going past the defender.

Glyn Davies ran up and took the penalty, calmly slotting the ball passed the keeper's right as he went the other way.

The second half saw the away side enjoy possession and trapped Llantwit in their own half as the pitch deteriorated, leading to mistakes at the back.

This led to a Pontardawe penalty which was missed, a major let-off for the reserves which now resulted the team playing in the right areas of the pitch.

Josh yet again had a chance to score after a bit of individual magic saw him cleverly touch a long ball across the defender and shoot straight at the keeper.

With Llantwit knocking on the door, their second came on the 60 minute mark. A Davies' delivery met Leeroy Jones at the back post who brilliantly volleyed into the opposite corner of the net.

At 2-0 with 10 minutes to go, Pontardawe grabbed one back to make a nervous finish. This, with Jennings seeing red, added to the nerves but his team rode out the pressure to get a well-deserved win.

Team: S.McMillan, A.Wrigley, J.Cutter, G.Davies, R.Malton, C.Vinson, G.Jennings, L.Jones, L.Brown, M.Morgan, J.Morgan. Substitutes: M.Gore, S.Phillips, M.Gingel.

JT

St Valentine's Day competition held at Brynhill Golf Club

THE ladies section of Brynhill Golf Club celebrated St Valentine's Day a few days early on February 12 by competing in a 10 hole stableford 'Meet for Lunch' competition.

Not all ladies entered the competition, but 21 did – with Glynis Gould coming in with a winning score of 18 points beating Robbie Lee over the back five.

Lunch was enjoyed by all and then a much anticipated raffle took place.

The recently appointed ladies captain, Jo Kirkpatrick, thanked those who played. She thanked the caterer, lady vice-captain, Lisa Taylor and secretary, Diane Tapscott, who sold the raffle tickets.

The prizes for last winter competitions were presented; 'Muddy Trolleys,' held on January 8, the winner was Robbie Lee, 14 points over the back 5 from Linda Hewlett and 'Slippery Slopes' held on January 22, the winner was Lisa Taylor with 14 points.

If you are interested in taking up golf and would like more information, contact Jo Kirkpatrick or Nicky Duvall on 01446 720277

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Robbie Lee receiving her prize from lady captain, Jo Kirkpatrick.



Glynis Gould receiving her prize from lady captain, Jo Kirkpatrick.

Farmers reconnect with their clubs

AFTER an eight-week break from walking the fairways due to Christmas, and more recently a fall of snow, members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society were relieved to get back into action last Thursday for the delayed January meeting at Coed Y Mwstwr Golf Club and to compete for the Llanharan Concrete Company-sponsored prizes.

Having enjoyed dry weather at every monthly meeting since being installed as captain, Keith James was hoping to complete his year in office with another dry day, but unfortunately a few squally showers brought that to an end.

The golf course was in remarkably good condition for the time of year and together with the excellent hospitality and friendliness of the staff at Coed Y Mwstwr, all 26 participants had a really enjoyable day's entertainment including an exhibition of buggy



Winning golfers Glyn Watts-Jones, Clive Edwards and Charles Vicary with sponsor Gino Cocco and society Captain Keith James.

driving by Godfrey Lewis assisted by navigator Lyn Thomas not witnessed before.

Playing for the Llanharan Concrete Company Rose Bowl and one of the many quality prizes supplied by the sponsor proved a real incentive, with three members all finishing with identical scores of 32 stableford points.

With scores over the back nine being the deciding factor, the 17 points accumulated by Colwinston entrepreneur Clive Edwards proved decisive. Runner-up with 15 points on the back

nine was Glyn Watts-Jones followed by Bryan Owen who could only accumulate 14 points on the back nine. Brian Lakin with 30 points finished in fourth place.

Yet another resident, Charles Vicary, won the visitors' section with 28 points, just seeing off the challenge of the Cowbridge RFC touch judge Rob Price who scored 27 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were David Williams, Geraint Davies and the oldest competitor on the

day John Davies. John was also successful in correctly guessing just 16 balls would fail to return home to collect the Picketston Poultry-sponsored prize which raised £75 for the Noah's Ark children's charity.

Clive Edwards completed a fine day by collecting the Llanerch Vineyard & Restaurant sponsored prize when hitting the longest drive down the 16th fairway.

The society was delighted to welcome to the evening's presentation ceremony Mr Gino Cocco of Llanharan Concrete Ltd

to present the prizes.

Gino, who will be 91 next month, was captain of the society in 2010 and was someone whose presence was always appreciated.

The Society was saddened to hear of the passing of former member Graham Walker. Graham joined the society in 1986 and was captain in 1995; Graham was a character who will be sadly missed.

T.McC

Racing Rogues of the Vale!

IN my book *Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press at £14.99), the Vale, being a hot bed for horse racing, figures quite a lot.

One of my stories tell of a maiden race – a race for horses which had never previously won – which took place at the Pentrych Hunt evening meeting at St Hilary near Cowbridge in 1975.

Prince Haven 11, owned, bred and trained by Dillwyn Thomas of Cefn Cribbwr, a legend in Welsh hunt-racing racing circles, was judged to have dead-heated with Mr A Taylor's Swedish-bred *Quip*.

However, in the opinion of many of the racegoers, including myself, *Prince Haven 11* had won the race outright. And so did the bookmakers, who paid out those who had backed the horse.

The winning post at St Hilary was a long way from the natural grandstand from where most people watched the racing but even so, most people thought *Prince Haven 11* had won.

Prince Haven 11 was ridden by Henry Blake, a best-selling author of books on communicating with horses.

However, more fuel was added to the fire when someone pointed

out that far from being a maiden *Quip* had won the Danish St Leger as well as six other races in Scandinavia!

In his previous point-to-point races *Quip*, an eight-year-old chesnut gelding, had started at odds of 33-1 or even more. However, on this occasion, he had been well backed at odds of around 6-1, which was most unusual seeing that in his three previous races he had failed to finish twice being pulled up when tailed off, and once when running off the racecourse.

A m a z i n g l y, Weatherbys, in their far-sighted wisdom, ruled that those wins in Scandinavia did not render *Quip* ineligible for maiden events explaining that a winner of a flat race or a National Hunt flat race, was permitted to run as a 'maiden' in a point-to-point steeplechase.

Another big gamble that I tell of in my book took place at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Steeplechases at Ystradowen on May 4, 2002.

It came off in the first division of the open maiden race when *Nearly Noble*, a nine-year-old bay gelding owned and trained by Robert Rowsell and ridden by his then wife Lucy, a champion point-to-point rider, bolted home an official four lengths winner from *Good Morning* ridden by the Vale's James Tudor.

Nearly Noble's form figures on the racecard read 047-0 – hardly the kind of form which would have inspired punters to have backed him. Lucy had given the horse a super ride and despite making a mistake at the second last fence, won easily enough.

Interviewing her husband after the race, I discovered that Robert had bought the horse in Ireland just a matter of weeks earlier from Jim Draper, son of the legendary Irish trainer Tom Dreaper, of *Arkle*

and *Flying Bolt* fame. Not only that, the race *Nearly Noble* had won was a maiden race and something unknown to thousands of racegoers at Ystradowen that day was that *Nearly Noble* had been a virtual 'winner' when he faced the starter. He had finished first in an Irish point-to-point, a couple of seasons earlier, only to be controversially disqualified after being misdirected by a fence steward!

It wasn't the only big pay out bookmakers at Ystradowen had faced

that day as earlier, another Irish-bred horse, *Power 'N' Glory*, backed from 4-1 to 2-1 and trained by Bridgend's John Moore and ridden by Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan, won the confined race for Irishman Cyril Campwell.

* You can e-mail your racing stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920 736438.

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CRIB DIVISION 1:	
Rhoose Social 6, Moors Boys 9; West End Runaways 6, Liberals 9; Cadoxton Cons 6, Wyndham Cons 9.	Harbour B 3, Wyndham Cons A 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Penarth Cons A 1; Cadoxton Wildcats 0, Cadoxton Cons B 5; Savoy A 1, Harbour B 4; Liberators 1, Rhoose Social B 4.
League table: Rhoose Social 134, Liberals 130, Wyndham Cons 129, Cadoxton Cons 122, West End Runaways 118, West End 113, Moors Boys 109.	Leaguetable: Harbour B64, West End C61, Savoy A60, Wyndham Cons A 54, Cadoxton Cons Z 52, Cadoxton Cons B46, Penarth Cons A39, Rhoose Social B 34, Cadoxton Wildcats 31, *Liberators 26, Market Street B 24.
SKITTLES DIVISION 1:	
Liberals A 0.5, West End D 6.5; Rhoose Social B 5, Rugby Club 2; Rhoosters 6, Liberals C 1; Sea View Exiles 5, Barry Town FC 2; Barries Boys 3, King William XII 4; Cambrian Flyers 1.5, Rhoose Social A 5.5.	SNOOKER DIVISION 2: West End B 2, Rhoose Social C 3; Wyndham Cons D 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; Market Street C 2, Sully Sports A 3; Harbour A 4, West End A 1.
League table: Sea View Exiles 90.5, Allsorts 78.0, West End C 77.5, West End D 77.5, Rhoosters 77.0, King William XII 72.5, Barry Town FC 72.0, Rhoose Social A 69.5, Rugby Club 66.5, Rhoose Social B 66.0, Slammers 60.5, Rhoose Social C 53.0, Liberals A 50.5, Liberals C 49.0, Barries Boys 44.5, Cambrian Flyers 31.5.	League table: Savoy B 59, Rhoose Social C 57, Cadoxton Cons A 54, Penarth Cons B 53, Market Street C 50, *Services Social B 48, Harbour A 46, Wyndham Cons D 45, West End A 40, Sully Sports A 36, West End B 28 (* = points deducted).
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Tuesday, February 12: 1 Mike Close and Jenny Vaughan 66.17 per cent; 2 Noelle Bond and Mick Green 59.58 per cent; 3 Peter Millar and Denis Mottram 59.08 per cent. The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

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On and off the turf with Brian Lee

MERTHYR Mawr's Jack Tudor, aged 16, who was badly injured when a loose horse struck into his mount at the first of the two Curre & Llangibby Point-To-Point Steeplechases last November, and who was hospitalised after breaking his tibia and fibia, returned to the course for the second of the two Curre & Llangibby fixtures on Sunday (February 17) and earned the biggest cheers of the day when landing the restricted open race on the family-owned and trained Billy Gwyn Too, which took up the running five fences out from the pacemaking Gowell, ridden by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft.

Jack, whose father Jonathan Tudor was a successful amateur rider, said: "It was

lovely to come here and ride a winner on my first ride back and thanks go to all the family who have helped out."

Billy Gwyn Too, which went off the 6-4 favourite, is by Dr Massini which is also the sire of Accordini which won division one of the split open maiden race. Accordini, an 8-1 chance, won by three lengths from Field Master, and was ridden by James King, aged 23, who had won the opening hunt members' race on The Shinton Family's Fateh, the odds-on favourite which had 20 lengths to spare over Union Jack D'Ycy.

Accordini, owned by Mr JP Hoskins, is trained by Gareth Moore in the Bridgend area, who said of his winner: "He can be a bit quirky at times."

Closest finish of the day came in the PPORA Novice Riders' Race in which Son Of Suzie, partnered by Jacob Pritchard Webb, aged 22, got home by half-a-length from the blinkered Victory Mill, despite making a mistake at the final obstacle.

The men's open race went to the Ryan Potter owned and trained

French-bred Don Bersy which made nearly all the running to score by four lengths from the Byron Moorcroft-ridden Ramble On.

Six horses faced the starter for the ladies' open race and Phil Rees' 11-year-old bay gelding AlfStar took up the running under Alice Stevens to lead four fences out and went on to win by five lengths from the favourite Double Captain.

Trainer Joanne Priest said: "He's a lovely horse and is the reason I get up in the morning."

The second division of the open maiden was won by 14-1 shot Positive Touch, which under 24-year-old Shane Quinlan won by a length from Majingilane.

Moorcroft's mount Matts Legacy appeared to be travelling well only to fall four fences from the finish. The winner and the runner-up were the only two horses to finish.

Tim's Musselburgh winner

Copper Gone West, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, was one of the first horses after the equine flu lockdown to win a race.

Sent on a 381-mile trip to Musselburgh last Wednesday, six-year-old Copper Gone West, backed from 6-1 to 9-2, ran out an easy four-and-a-half lengths winner of the opening Betway Mares' Maiden Hurdle from the 1-4 favourite, Popering Ginger.

Copper Gone West was ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns from west Wales, who had high hopes of landing a double with Vaughan's Midnight Queen in the closing Betway Novices' Handicap Hurdle, but unfortunately, the mare fell at the last fence the race being won by the odds-on favourite Telsen Barley.

Copper Gone West wasn't the only Welsh winner at the meeting, as Field Exhibition, trained by Chepstow's Grace Harris, took the Betway Mares' Novice Handicap Hurdle.

There were only three runners and Copper Gone West, partnered by Daniel McMeaham, won by 11 lengths from Sarvi.

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

DIVISION 1: (J Holland & C Fenton 25), Rugby Triers 240 (S Cogbill 24).

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Division 4: Optimists 197 (J Holland 24), Boozy Birds 247 (C Connell & S Vater 25); Little Misfits 169 (S Johnson 27), Odd Bods 215 (K Dutton & T Tew 24).

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League made three cheque presentations to charities following its charity Christmas raffle.

The cheques which totalled £815 were presented by the chairwoman of the skittles league Cyndy Fenton at the monthly secretaries' meeting on February 4.

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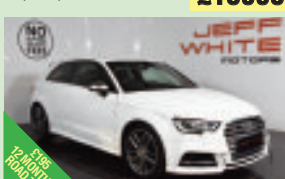
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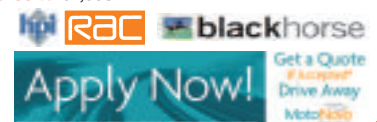
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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

WHAT a day in the Vale League and we start in the Premier Division, where leaders Barry Athletic were handed a big and surprising 5-2 loss by Cowbridge Town.

Luke Degab grabbed a brace with Jack Gavin, Lloyd Lewis and Jack Cassie getting one each. The result blows the title race wide open now, as AFC Rhosee are seven points behind Athletic with two games in hand.

In the other Premier Division game down at the opposite end of the table, goals from Raied Jones, Jamie Ross and Dan Lawlor saw Sully Sports see off St Athan 3-0, a result which leaves St Athan adrift at the bottom.

In Division One, Champions Holton Road's 100 per cent record is finally over as Cadoxton Imps become the first team to take anything from the champions in the league this season with a fantastic 2-0 victory, Jamie Livingston and Zach Cleary with the goals.

A phenomenal run of 15 league victories by Holton Road that saw them clinch the title in January must be lauded while Imps stay three points behind second-placed Tynwydd who narrowly edged out Cwm Talwg 1-0. Cardiff Airport picked up their first win in six with a huge victory over SP Billy, Airport go fifth with the victory.

In Division Two,

leaders AFC Rhosee edged away from Barry Vikings at the top by three points as they scraped past Cadoxton Athletic 3-2, a double from Chris Morgan and one from Cameron Barrett seeing the leaders get the points.

Third-placed St Athan B lost ground on the leaders by slipping up at home to Island Marine B 3-1, Marine B defeating St Athan B for the second successive week and moving up to sixth in the league.

In the cups, Cadoxton Barry saw off Cogan Coronation 2-1 away at the Rec to book a semi-final spot in the Supporters Cup to add to their Barry Cup semi-final.

In the Dockers Cup, Penarth Town B beat Barry Vikings 4-2 after extra time in a classic cup tie while Vale Madrid edged Barry Athletic B 1-0 to go into the semi-finals and have something to shout about after a tough season so far.

Finally, AFC Rhosee bowed out of the SWFA Senior Cup with a 3-2 loss to Tata Steel United.

The semi-final draws for the divisional cup see Cowbridge Town play Island Marine in the ASRS Cup and also St Athan or AFC Rhosee playing Penarth Town. In the Supporters Cup Holton Road play Cadoxton Imps and Cadoxton Barry play Cwm Talwg. In the Dockers Cup, Penarth B play Rhosee B and Vale Madrid take on Island Marine B.

BARRY Town United Ladies went into their South Wales FA Women's Cup semi-final against Cascade YC

looking to continue their strong defence of the trophy from last season knowing this was going to be a tough encounter.

The club were also looking to bounce back from a disappointing League Cup extra-time defeat the previous weekend against Spolott Albion.

This fixture, played at Cardiff University in Llanrumney, was to be the third meeting between the two teams

this season with Barry running out 5-2 and 2-1 winners in the previous encounters and knew that Cascade were always going to battle hard with a final place at stake.

The opening stages of the game saw both teams attempting to exert some early pressure with the game played at a fast pace. Both teams failed to create a clear goal scoring opportunity in the opening 15 minutes, only being restricted to long range efforts.

Barry were looking particularly dangerous in wide areas and looking to break the offside trap set by the Cascade defence and forward Sian Rees almost gave Barry the lead when put through on goal but her



Action from the game.

effort from a difficult angle across goal went inches wide.

An injury to midfield player Tracey White saw Barry make a tactical switch with Courtney Martin-Luce coming on and Emily Bayliss making her debut, switching to play up front alongside Rees with Ellen Phillips moving into midfield.

Cascade went close on 20 minutes with an effort at the near post which was well saved by the feet of Barry goalkeeper Erin Brennan. However the switch in player roles was to pay dividends for Barry with the Bayliss and Rees combination causing Cascade real problems defensively.

Bayliss looked to have broken free but for a well-timed tackle

resulting in a corner from which Barry would take the lead on 25 minutes.

Charlotte Preen's excellent delivery found substitute Martin-Luce who powered a super header into the net to make it 1-0 to Barry and mark her second goal in a week.

The goal was to be a big confidence boost to Barry who went on to control the rest of the first half and rack up another three goals in a five-minute spell before half-time.

Bayliss once again broke free down the left and her pass to Rees was deflected into the net off a Cascade defender on 40 minutes.

Rees was not to be denied three minutes later as she converted from close range to

make it 3-0 before another corner from Preen went direct into the goal at the near post to make it 4-0 on the stroke of half-time.

With Barry in a commanding position and playing with confidence, the second half saw them control the majority of possession but credit must go to Cascade who never gave up and kept attempting to put Barry under some pressure.

Abbie Davies went close on two occasions but couldn't hit the target when put through on goal and Brennan made a good save to keep Barry's clean sheet intact.

Bayliss had two good opportunities herself to mark her debut with a goal but Williams saved well on both occasions

to deny the recent signing.

However Barry's fifth and final goal came from another set piece, Preen with another fine delivery finding defender Holly Vowles at the back post who converted to score her third goal of the season.

The result will be a big confidence booster for Barry who now progress to the final where they will take on Merthyr Town who defeated Rhos 4-2 in the other semi-final match. The final will take place on Saturday, May 4 at Penybont FC with the kick-off time to be confirmed.

Barry will now return to league action on Sunday, February 24 with a home fixture against Rhos to be played at Jenner Park Stadium with a 2pm kick-off.

Team: Brennan, Clarke, Vowles, Hurrell, Allen, White, Townsend, Bayliss, Preen, Rees, Phillips. Substitutes: Thompson, Cannon (65), Martin-Luce (20), Page.

LC

Barry and District Men's Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Geest 269 (R Finlay 32), Sea View 293 (B Watkins 28); Bunker Boys 270 (A Jaynes 29), Cannon Balls 267 (I Forsyth 28); KP Rejects 320 (P Smith, T Dawe 29), Merryman 385 (S Jones 39); Blue Monkey 267 (N Phillips, C Paget, R Fox 26), Billy Whizz 278 (L Hunt 31); Posties 259 (M Gallimore, B Usher, J Herridge 25), 49ers 290 (D Roberts 30); British Rail 305 (K Brown 31), Willie Wombles 262 (J Norris 30).

League table: 49ers 30, Geest 20, Posties 16, Blue Monkey 14, Bunker Boys 14, Merryman 14, Billy Whizz 13, Willie Wombles 13, KP Rejects 12, British Rail 11, Sea View 11, Cannon Balls 8.

DIVISION 2:

BP Breakaways 250 (Jake Rees 27), Colcot Boys 248 (T Sherrin, K Thomas 26); H Bells 295 (B Howcroft, T Mullins 28), Barry Park B 287 (B Batt 29); Park Lads 269 (M Whyman Snr 29), Cavaliers 255 (M Lambe 30); Tynny Lads 259 (A Hillard 26),

DIVISION 3:

Castle Boys 268 (K Eveleigh 29), Abercete 262 (Rick Mountjoy 27); Park Rangers 262 (S James 29), C.U.D. 223 (B Rees 31); Alternatives 265 (M Davies 29), Billy Bluebirds 239 (A James 26).

League table: Park Rangers 22, Billy Bluebirds 16, Cocoa Nuts 16, Wittchill Nomads 15, Castle Boys 14, Alternatives 14, Abercete 12, Glenbrook Flyers 12, Royalists 11, C.U.D. 10, Master Mariner 0.

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JW

Seashore Juniors formed

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club and Barry Wanderers Cricket Club are joining together to form Seashore Juniors - a new venture for junior cricket in the Barry and Sully area.

Junior net sessions will commence next Thursday at the Colcot Sports Centre, Barry (7.30-8.30pm) - under-9s and under-11s are particularly welcome, but older children are also most welcome to attend.

The new junior club will also be taking part in the ECB 'All Stars' competition for five to eight-year-olds. More details can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars.

MF

Golfers enjoy the conditions

IN improving, but still very cold conditions, 27 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section played a team Yellow Ball competition over 15 holes.

In this format one member from each three-ball team is nominated as the yellow ball, the nomination alternating between the three players hole by hole. The Stableford score of the Yellow Ball player and the better of the other two are recorded at each hole.

As the morning progressed, the sun broke through and with jackets coming off and the still damp greens holding a well-struck approach shot, a remarkable birdie fest ensued. Doug Mein, Roger Hatton,

Steve Philips, Gordon Campbell, Jeff Perkins, John Paton all got one each while section chairman, Gordon Martin, bagged two more to make eight in all!

Sadly, however, Martin's two fellow team members (including this reporter) were not on their best form on the day and the team just failed to make the placings.

Against a nominal par score of 60 points for two scores counting over 15 holes, an excellent winning score of 72 was posted by the team of Roger Hatton, Brian Peacock and Mike Cook. Just two back on 70 points were Gordon Campbell, John Paton and Roger's brother, Phil Hatton.

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Barry denied late win after controversial penalty try

AFTER a two week break without a game because of the Six Nations matches, it was back to business for the Barry first XV last Saturday when they travelled to Central Park Church Village to play against fellow promotion contenders Llantwit Fadre RFC in a SWALEC East Central Division 2 league match.

With the home side being only one place above them in the league a tough game was envisaged by the visitors and this proved to be the case with Barry losing a very close game in the dying minutes to what can only be described as a questionable penalty try.

In weather conditions which were perfect for an open running game of rugby Llantwit Fadre kicked off and were immediately put under pressure by Barry.

After some fine forward play, the ball was fed to the Barry

backs who took play well into the Llantwit Fadre's half before being pulled up for a minor infringement. Winning the resulting scrum, it was the home side's turn to attack and they did so with gusto, pushing Barry well back into their half of the field and it was only the sterling defence of the Barry side which kept them from scoring.

Due to some very fine forward play, Barry were able to turn the ball over and scrum half Tom Lee passed it to full back Kyle Barros who put in a very long kick to just inside the home side's half to relieve the pressure.

After 10 minutes or so of play which was shared equally, Barry gained possession in their own half after some sterling play by their forwards and the ball was fed to their backs who set up an attack on the Llantwit Fadre line only to be denied a try by a deliberate knock-on by their left winger who received a yellow card for his transgression.

The resulting penalty was duly converted by

full back Kyle Barros to give Barry a 3-0 lead. However, this lead was to be shortlived because two minutes Barry were deemed to be offside in their own 25 and the resulting penalty was duly converted by Llantwit Fadre's full back Mark Tyler to level the scores.

After 20 minutes of play, with the game locked at 3-3, Barry were awarded a penalty and Barros kicked for touch with the ball landing within 10 metres or so of the Llantwit Fadre line.

From the resulting lineout, a take and drive by the Barry pack showed good ball control which enabled loose head prop Alyn Evans to crash over the line for the first try of the day which Barros duly converted to give Barry a 10-3 lead.

The scoreline did not change for the remainder of the first half with the home side pressing strongly in the final five minutes or so as they tried time and time again to break Barry's defensive line but were unable to do so.

However, during this

period of play Barry's John Miles received a yellow card for obstructing the Llantwit Fadre scrum half and captain James Hadfield also received one that was questionable.

Barry kicked off the second half with only 13 men on the field so it was in their interest to try and keep the game tight until they were back up to a full complement.

During the next 15 minutes or so, with play going from end to end and no increase in the score, Barry seemed to have the edge in the scrumming with the front row of James Hollister, Lucas Davies and Alyn Evans continually frustrating the home side's front row.

In spite of this, and against the run of play, it was Llantwit Fadre who scored next after 18 minutes of the half when their left winger Dan Rees went over for a try in the corner after a spate of missed tackles by Barry. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful making the score 10-8 in Barry's favour.

With the home side now breathing down their necks Barry had to do something very quickly if they wanted to improve their lead or at least maintain the narrow one they had.

They did not have to wait long. On the stroke of 25 minutes one of Llantwit Fadre's prop forwards literally drove over the top of a maul and collided head to head with Barry's captain James Hadfield.

It was a moment of clear stupidity which saw a red card issued and Barry earning a penalty. The incident itself occurred about five metres inside the Barry half and Kyle Barros decided to kick for goal. Two steps back and the ball sailed the 55 metres between the posts to give Barry

the lead at 13-8.

With 15 minutes to go Barry had to consolidate their position or try to improve it. Einar Scott and Kyle Barros kept Llantwit Fadre at bay with some long defensive kicks and came close to scoring when Barros picked up a loose ball and ran for the line.

Unfortunately, the pass to winger Wayne Jones was mishandled and the chance lost. As the minutes ticked by it was Llantwit Fadre who ended the game in attacking mode as they had done so in the first half.

In the dying minutes of the game Barry were penalised for a high tackle. After talking to the player involved and deliberating he decided to award a penalty try and a minute or so later he blew the final whistle for a final score of Llantwit Fadre 15, Barry 13.

From a spectator's view this was not a spectacular game to watch by any stretch of the imagination. Over the last couple of weeks Barry have struggled with injuries to players and those to James Hollister and Jacob Brooke in this match have not helped the situation. Hopefully they will both recover in time for the next match on March 2 against Heol Y Cw at the Reservoir Field, kick-off 2.30pm.

The Barry RFC Mega4 Lottery Numbers for Saturday, February 16 were: 4, 15, 18 and 19 - two tickets matched three numbers and the main prize increases to £3,750.

The Six Nations match against England will be shown on the big screen at the club - all are welcome and a free curry will be available during the afternoon.

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Hood's last-gasp free kick earns Barry Town valuable point



Fans and players celebrate Barry's equaliser. PICTURE BY BRIAN JONES - See more at glamorgan-gem.co.uk/sport

A 96th-minute wonder strike of a free-kick from Jonathan Hood rocked the JD Welsh Premier League on Saturday afternoon as Barry Town United came back from two down to earn a memorable 2-2 draw at champions The New Saints.

The result ensures only three points separate the top three heading into this weekend, with third-placed Barry set to welcome leaders Connah's Quay Nomads to Jenner Park.

Barry's trip to second-placed TNS last Saturday began disastrously, as the ruthless Welsh Premier champions seized a crushing 1-0 lead with only 43 seconds played.

Running onto Danny Redmond's long pass, Kurtis Byrne managed to scoop the ball above and beyond Mike Lewis, after the Barry goalkeeper had come off his goal line.

By the 20th minute, their bleak situation became even bleaker, as Jamie Mullan pulled away from two dazed Barry defenders and slid in at the back post, connecting with a perfectly-pitched pass from Redmond to double the champions' first-half advantage.

To then make matters worse, Barry's midfielder Tom Fry was stretched off after only 27 minutes, while the rampant and effective Redmond came dramatically close to making it 3-0, when his shot from long-distance deflected off a TNS team-mate and then the post.

Barry however would be handed a welcome lifeline in the 33rd minute, when match official David Morgan judged Chris Marriott to have handled illegally in the TNS area.

Kayne McLaggon confidently converted the subsequent spot-kick and thus began the Barry fightback that would eventually secure a most precious of points on the road.

The second half saw Barry continue to edge their way back into the match, until manager Gavin Chesterfield opted to up the ante, bringing play-making forward Jordan Cotterill on for defensive anchor Troy Greening in the 65th minute.

On 73 minutes, Tom Holland brought Paul Morgan down near the touchline, securing himself a second yellow and giving Barry a man advantage heading to the final stretch.

Looking to fire back in decisive fashion, Ruscoe then introduced the prolific Greg Draper by Byrne, but Barry centre-back Luke Cooper did well to frustrate the free-scoring

forward. With 13 minutes to play Chesterfield would go for glory, answering the call of the fans and bringing on Modou Touray, in favour of full-back Morgan, to further bolster Barry's attack.

It was a final roll of the dice and one that would ultimately pay off, as the Wales under-21 international shrugged off an injury to support the chase for an all-important equaliser.

TNS though would very nearly crush Barry's hopes at the other end, as Blaine Hudson rose to connect with a corner, only for Lewis to pull out a stunning, vital reaction save.

Still in it and pressing, Barry felt their opponents were wavering and with supporters keeping the pressure on, both Spender and Jon Routledge would collect bookings.

Former Middlesbrough man Ryan Brobbel meanwhile had already been cautioned and, after cupping his ears at the crowd at defiance, manager Ruscoe would act quickly to replace him, adding to the minimum of five extra minutes decreed by referee Morgan.

In stoppage time, Barry created what may have been their finest chance of the match.

After Patten carried the ball towards to Touray, the substitute smartly played in Drew Fahiya, whose own stint on the field as Fry's replacement was way beyond the hour.

Fahiya kept his composure and delivered a sweet volley, only one central enough for the experienced Harrison to save, leaving spectators breathless at the drama on show.

However, the greatest drama of all was reserved for the 96th minute, as Barry were awarded a free-kick in striking range, a do-or-die, all-or-nothing opportunity at goal.

With three Barry players standing over the ball, questions of who exactly would take the shot quickly gave way, replaced by a split-second of silence to simply hope and watch.

Then, as Touray peeled away from the static TNS wall, Jonathan Hood powered his unstoppable drive into the top corner, eliciting scenes of joyful frenzy on the sidelines.

While taking their tally to 48 for the campaign, this particular point should be worth its weight in gold, a huge psychological boost that keeps the title race very much alive.

Barry now stride into Saturday's showdown with Connah's Quay Nomads (7.30pm), a match that could see them return to the top of the table with TNS in action on Monday.

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Dinas Powys RFC are denied impressive win

DINAS Powys RFC were defeated away at Rhiwbina 12-10 in a tense, ill-tempered contest despite scoring the only try and putting in one of their best performances of the season.

The home side have only lost twice this season and are favourites to win the division, therefore the frustration for all associated with the Villagers in failing to gain victory will be acute, as all viewing the contest will be aware that the best side on the day lost.

The first half saw little continuity as both sides kicked for position with most of the possession that they had and penalty were the only means of scoring in the first half.

The first half lasted 50 minutes although there was only one brief injury break and the home side kicked their third penalty of the first half with the last kick of this period.

The visitors from Dinas Powys scored a penalty of their own before the interval and trailed by 9-3 at half-time with a feeling that they did not get the rub of the green. This feeling of injustice continued as the home side knocked on at a lineout on half way and the ball made its way to the Villagers' full back Ben White, who ran into one of his own players and the referee awarded a penalty to Rhiwbina for offside which allowed them to increase their lead to 12-3.

This was to complete the scoring for the home side with their fourth

penalty, two of which were awarded for crossing, one for offside and one for hanging onto the ball on the floor when arguably there was no Rhiwbina player on their feet in a position to play the ball legally.

The Villagers dominated possession for the rest of the contest and the only try of the afternoon was scored by scrum half Sam Middlemiss following a fine burst by powerful centre Sonny Driscoll, supported by substitute flanker Finn Davies, that allowed the superb Middlemiss to power through the home defence to cross for the score, which was converted by White.

With half an hour of the contest few would have thought that was to be an end to the scoring, as the game degenerated into an ill-tempered affair.

There were stand-out performances from Corey Imperatto, Ryan Hall and Lewis Dunleavy in the back row, and powerful scrummaging from props Andrew O'Malia and Jerome Bryan, while second rows Josh Dunleavy and Gareth Williams carried strongly.

The threequarters defended stoutly with fly half Carwyn Jones and centre Rhys Evans completing several decisive tackles and wingers Tom Davies and Jim Wiltshire looked threatening with ball in hand.

The Villagers gained a losing bonus point as they lost by less than seven points, but all that witnessed the encounter would surely agree that they deserved more than that solitary point.

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